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# Group seeks ouster of DPS chief

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

week before he was arrested on charges of sexual assault of a minor girl, former Department of Public Safety commissioner James C. Deleon Guerrero allegedly had a "secret meeting" with some police officers at a Chinese restaurant in Garapan on a plan to unseat DPS Commissioner Robert A. Guerrero, according to multiple sources.

>> Guerrero says he's upset about **'secret** meeting'



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## Managaha concessions lease out next week

By DENNIS B. CHAN dennis\_chan@saipantribune.com

The Department of Public Lands will be releasing request for proposals for a five-year concessions lease for Managaha Island, according to DPL Secretary Marianne Teregeyo yesterday.

"It will be definitely issued. It's in tourist attraction. the final stages, just be ready for the announcement," she told Saipan Tribune in an interview.

There has been "no official interest yet," Teregeyo said. "All we know is

submit."

>> DPL tar**gets 150** homesteads on Regusa subdivision

on Pagan

Tasi Tours currently holds the lease, which essentially allows the company to control business activities on the

that we are going to put

it out for bid. We don't

know who is going to

At the same time, DPL has moved on a Pagan homestead project, meet-

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### TB testing done on MHS staff, students

By FRAULEINE VILLANUEVA-DIZON frauleine\_villanueva@saipantribune.com

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. and its Division of Public Health Services conducted a testing on students and staff of Marianas High School for tuberculosis yesterday.

The testing was done due to pos-

sible exposure as a result of a recent active case

"There was an active case of TB in the school. That person is undergoing treatment, taking antibiotics, and as a entirely precautionary measure, we identify the close contacts of this person would have had and we screen them for TB," state epidemi-

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### **ENVIRONMENTAL**

Fourth and fifth graders learn about culturing rabbitfish from the Northern Marianas College-Cooperative Research, Extension, and Education Service and other ways of taking care of the environment at the Environmental Expo being held by the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality in observance of Environmental Awareness Month

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Marianas Visitors Authority destination enhancement specialist Tatiana Babauta gave an update of the current and other ongoing projects by the CNMI's tourism agency.

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The Northern Marianas Humanities Council marked 12 years of the Junior High Mock Trial on April 2.

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### **ENVIRONMENT**

Several times each week, Russ Lewis and a few friends pick up litter that washes ashore on a 7-mile stretch of ocean shoreline and most of it is plastics of one kind of another.

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### Local

### Manglona orders Dynasty owner to pay \$1.4M to 2 plane survivors

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona yesterday ordered the owner of Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino to pay \$1.4 million to two plane crash survivors to satisfy their settlement agreements.

Manglona said Hong Kong Entertainment (Overseas) Investment Ltd. shall pay \$606,723.10 to Tomoyuki Nagata and \$769,229.61 to Dr. Jun Takimoto and his family collectively, or for a total of \$1,375,952.71.

Manglona said in accordance with a motion filed by plaintiffs Nagata and Takimoto to enforce terms of settlement agreement and supporting documentation, the principal debt to Mr. Nagata equaled 64,942,410.59 yen, while the principal debt to Dr. Takimoto and his family equaled 84,811,324.71, after HKE's most recent payment on Nov. 30, 2015.

Including accrued interest at 10 percent per annum plus for monthly payments of 200,000 yen though Oct. 5, 2016, in total and at the rate of 113.30 yen to \$1, in sum HKE owes \$606,723.10 (68,741,727.20 yen) to Nagata, and \$769,229.61 (87,153,714.59 yen) to Dr. Taki-

moto and his family.

Manglona issued the order after hearing plaintiffs' motion to enforce the terms of settlements and for entry of judgment last March 10.

HKE, through counsel G. Anthony Long, submitted a notice of no opposition and no appearance.

Manglona granted the motion and ordered that the court shall retain jurisdiction to enforce this judgment.

Manglona awarded postsettlement costs to plaintiffs.

The judge said pending further court's order, HKE shall refrain from the sale or transfer of any of its personal property, except in the normal course of business.

The plaintiffs, through counsel Richard W. Pierce, earlier claimed that HKE owes them at least \$1.3 million for breaching their settlement agreements.

According to the minutes of the hearing, the judge stated that all the facts represented had been adequately shown by the supporting documents, as well as the affidavits, and HKE's non-opposition to the motion.

Pierce said his clients believe that the better way to proceed is through a freeze on sale/transfer and then hearing as soon as possible on how best the judgment may be paid.

By that procedure, the lawyer said, his clients are protected and the least disruption occurs to the operations of the Tinian Dynasty.

Takimoto and Nagata were among the seven passengers of a Piper Cherokee aircraft that crashed on a farm in Upper Dandan en route to Tinian on Aug. 11, 2006.

HKE settled the lawsuits filed by the survivors, including one filed by Takimoto and his family, and Nagata. The court subsequently dismissed the lawsuits in February 2010.

Pierce said in April 2008, Tinian Dynasty ceased making payments on the agreements and the plaintiffs sued for torts and for breach of contract.

Tinian Dynasty settled the lawsuit and amended the initial settlement agreements.

Pierce said HKE has breached the settlement agreements in multiple ways.

The lawyer pointed out that payments were not made for the months of January and February 2016.

He said second, HKE filed for bankruptcy and third, the U.S. government seized assets from HKE, which assets were subsequently forfeited to the U.S. *(Ferdie de la Torre)* 



### **Ex-JROTC** director files discrimination suit vs PSS

Lt. Col. Robert L. Gay has filed in federal court a discrimination lawsuit against the Public School System for allegedly harassing him in order to replace him with a local as director of Army Instruction of the Junior Reserve Officer's Training Corps.

Gay, through counsel Colin M. Thompson, is suing PSS for harassment based on race and retaliation.

Gay asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to order PSS to pay him an appropriate amount of back pay with prejudgment interest plus an appropriate amount of front pay.

Gay asked the court to hold PSS liable for his medical expenses incurred as a result of the hostile work environment, plus compensatory and punitive damages.

According to Thompson in the complaint filed on Tuesday, Gay served as the director of Army Instruction (DAI) of JROTC for PSS from February 2007 through February 2012.

Gay returned to the CNMI and again served as DAI in October 2012 and continuing through January 2016.

Thompson said the director of JROTC United States Army Cadet Command (USACC) confirms all DAIs.

A DAI must successfully serve for two years as a Senior Army Instructor (SAI) before the USACC will consider a candidate for a DAI position.

Thompson said sometime during late July or early August 2013, USACC informed the Board of Education that USACC was going to put the Rota High School JROTC program on probation because the Rota JROTC program lacked a qualified SAI.

According to USACC regulations, an SAI must be commissioned officer with a four-year degree.

Thompson said during the 23-plus years that the Rota JROTC program has been existence, the Rota JROTC program never had a qualified commissioned officer with a four-year degree to serve as SAI because the Rota program is extremely remote.

Thompson said USACC previously exempted the Rota JROTC program from the SAI requirement, but in 2012, the SAI requirement for the Rota JROTC program was initiated.

Thompson said Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan and other Board of Education members, including chairman Herman T. Guerrero, told other people that BOE was holding Gay personally responsible because the US-ACC placed the JROTC program on probation.

Thompson said this was a

pretext used by the BOE to justify removing Gay from the DAI position in order that an unqualified Chamorro man, retired Col. Harry Blanco, could take Gay's position as DAI.

In reality, the lawyer said, chair Guerrero, commissioner Sablan, the BOE, and other PSS leadership personnel were responsible for the Rota JROTC's probationary status "because of their prejudicial conduct and hostility toward non-Chamorros."

Thompson said PSS' efforts to remove Gay from the DAI position began when Blanco told Guerrero sometime in September or October 2013, that Blanco was returning to the CNMI in February 2014.

Thompson said Blanco quickly made clear that he wanted to be the DAI for the CNMI JROTC district when he applied for the DAI position in October 2013, even though Gay's DAI contract was not set to expire until Oc-

tober 2014

Thompson said Blanco was not qualified to be a DAI because he never served as SAI for two years as required by federal regulations.

The lawyer said Gay met with commissioner Sablan in September 2013 regarding the fact that the USACC placed the Rota JROTC program on probation.

Thompon said during this meeting, Sablan yelled at Gay in a denigrating manner.

He said Sablan blamed Gay for the fact that the USACC has placed the Rota JROTC program on probation.

Thompson said Sablan repeatedly harassed Gay by repeatedly informing Gay that chairman Guerrero was upset that the USACC placed the Rota JROTC program on probation

At the beginning of February 2014, Sablan called a meeting in which she allegedly stated that she had "made up her mind" and that she was reassigning Gay to the

Rota JROTC program for five months.

After the February meeting, Sablan allegedly directed Gay's immediate supervisor, associate commissioner of instructional services Jackie Quitugua to undermine Gay.

Thompson said Quitugua called and emailed Gay's federal supervisors at the 8th Brigade in Fort Lewis, Washington and questioned them regarding Gay's performance and insinuated that Gay was doing a poor job as DAI of the CNMI District.

Gay reported the conduct of Guerrero, Sablan, Quitugua, and other PSS leadership to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission on March 23, 2014.

Thompson said immediately after PSS received a copy of Gay's EEOC complaint, PSS leadership, including Guerrero, Sablan, and Quitugua, ceased almost all communication with Gay and Gay's staff.

Thompson said that in March 2014, Guerrero, Sa-

blan, and other PSS staff further retaliated against Gay by misappropriating thousands of dollars from a special fund set aside for the JROTC program by Commonwealth law, to fund a one-week trip taken by Quitugua and Blanco to meet with Gay's immediate USACC supervisors in Washington.

Thompson said the purpose of the meeting was to undermine Gay to his immediate USACC superiors at the 8th Brigade and to convince the USACC to waive the two-year SAI requirement in order that Blanco be permitted to become the DAI for the CNMI.

Thompson said Guerrero, Sablan, and other PSS staff took \$5,000 each month from the JROTC fund in order to hire Blanco as a JROTC consultant based on Blanco's alleged "JROTC expertise."

Thompson said Blanco has no JROTC expertise whatsoever prior to the date on which PSS hired him as its "expert" concultant

In accordance with PSS regulations, Gay submitted his request for renewal of his contract on April 16, 2014, more than six months prior to the expiration of the contract.

Thompson said Gay did not receive a notice of renewal or non-renewal, nor did he receive a new employment contract prior to Oct. 25, 2015, the day on which his contract was set to expire.

In July 2014, Gay learned that PSS intended to offer him a one-year contract instead of a two-year contract as a matter of harassment and retaliation.

Thompson said the actions taken by Guerrero, Sablan, BOE, and other BOE staff, including Quitugua, aggravated and exacerbated Gay's preexisting PTSD condition, which caused Gay extreme emotional distress.

Thompson said as a result, Gay sought medical treatment for his PTSD. (Ferdie de la Torre)



### 4th, 5th graders exposed to nature at Environmental Expo

Fourth and fifth grade students on Saipan have been gathering at the American Memorial Park for the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality's Environmental Expo.

The expo is one of BECQ's main events for the Environmental Awareness Month being observed this April.

The half-day events held for three days starting Tuesday showcase the CNMI's environmental and natural resource groups in conducting widespread outreach.

"This is a one-stop shop for them to learn just what our natural resource agencies our doing,"BECQ-Division of Coastal Resource Management education and outreach coordinator Jihan S. Buniag said.

Sources said aside from De-

leon Guerrero, five other DPS

personnel were in the "secret

meeting" at the restaurant near

the Garapan basketball court

Sources said it is not clear

what issues triggered the "se-

cret meeting" and whether

all those in the meeting have

agreed to make a move to oust

Asked by Saipan Tribune

yesterday about Deleon Guer-

rero's alleged participation in

a meeting to oust the commis-

sioner, attorney Joaquin Tor-

res, counsel for Deleon Guer-

rero, said he has no knowledge

about that meeting. He refused

Investigators from the At-

torney General's Investigative

Division arrested Deleon Guer-

rero and Police Officer 3 Jesse

S. Concepcion on Friday and

Thursday, respectively on sex-

Asked about the ouster is-

sue, DPS Commissioner

Guerrero confirmed with

Saipan Tribune on Monday

that he also received the same

information about the "secret

ual assault of a minor charges.

to comment further.

in the evening of April 7.

the commissioner.

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According to Buniag, they chose the fourth and fifth grade classes as these are when students begin learning about taking care of the environment.

"Usually during fourth and fifth grade they are already learning about coral reef learning systems, they're learning about pollution, they're learning about all these different threats and impacts at this age," Buniag said.

"We based it on their curriculum and their content standards, we adjust our presentations based on what they're learning," she added.

Both BECQ's divisions, the CRM and Environmental Quality were present to showcase their various programs such as Waste Water, Earthmoving, Erosion Control

"I have not done anything wrong," said Guerrero, who was just sworn in as DPS commissioner last January.

The commissioner said he has been doing his best to provide for the officers.

Guerrero said when he took over the job as DPS commissioner, he and Gov. Ralph DLG Torres spoke about three things—to increase DPS personnel's salaries, getting uniforms, and obtaining new vehicles.

So far, he said, they got the salary increase and are now working on the procurement of new vehicles and uniforms.

Guerrero said in every department there are always people who are not in agreement with the leadership because they don't get the things that they used to be doing.

"Every leader that comes in has different way of leading. It is up to the leader to decide which way you should take,"

Some people, Guerrero said, are not willing to accept that, but that is something that needs to be done.

"Our objective here is to make sure that the officers are taken cared of, our missions are met. And I will do everything, my way, of doing it to get it done," he pointed out.

Asked if he will initiate talks with the officers involved in the meeting, Guerrero said he would not.

"If they are not happy, then they are not happy. The door is open. A lot of people are looking for jobs. There are a lot of good officers here," he said.

A source said there was also a petition drafted two months ago to oust Guerrero shortly after he the Senate confirmed him as commissioner.

In April 2015, Guerrero was sworn in as commissioner of the Department of Corrections. In January 2016, Guerrero was sworn in as DPS commissioner to succeed Deleon Guerrero, who was appointed to the position of special assistant to Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

Branch, Pesticides and Storage Tanks, Safe Drinking Water Branch, Site Assessment and Remediation, Laboratory, Toxic Waste Management, Water Quality Surveillance & Non-Point Source, Coral Reef Initiative, Permit Section, Enforcement, Education and Outreach, Coastal Resources

Planning, and Marine Monitoring Program.

"All of DEQ's programs are here communicating the importance of their programs and how the community can help," Buniag said.

"The presenters that we have lined up are all from the natural resource agencies as well as our partners," she added.

These includes the Micro-

nesia Islands Nature Alliance. Commonwealth Utilities Corp., Department of Lands and Natural Resources Sea Turtle Program, DLNR-Division of Fish and Wildlife Marine Protected Area Program, and DLNR-DFW enforcement.

Aside from having fun, the students also learn about how they can take care of the environment that they will inherit.

"They're having being out of the classroom and just learning hands on what the different programs are and what we are doing to protect the islands for them," Buniag said.

"We always reinforce the message of the importance of what we're teaching and then also reinforcing what they can do to help," she added. (Frauleine Villanueva-Dizon)

### MANAGAHA

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ing with stakeholders in recent weeks

Teregeyo said yesterday DPL targets 150 homestead lots on the Regusa subdivision on Pagan.

DPL has begun talks the Department of Public Safety, the CNMI Division of Environmental Quality, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., the Commonwealth Utilities Corp, among others, on this possibility.

"I'm meeting with the mayor [of the Northern Islands] today," Teregeyo said yesterday.

DPL has talked with DPS about the possibility of having an officer on Pagan, and with PSS for schools, for example.

"But that's all premature. It's a plan," Teregeyo noted. "The governor would like to see homesteads issued in Pagan. And so we are doing the ground study."

Asked to describe the "feasibility" of the project after meeting with stakeholders, Teregeyo said the project would "need a hefty amount of money pumped down" but would not disclose preliminary numbers from CUC on establishing a power facility as it this did not yet account for other things like power poles, for example.

"We are talking about a good chunk of change for DPS, CHC, PSS, before we can" start homesteads. "But the fact is we are a step further," she said. Stakeholder will be gathering "their information" and meet for "one big meeting" on April

28 on the homestead project, she added.

#### **Collections**

DPL has recently determined some \$12.9 million in "uncollected" money from their leases in the CNMI, or Saipan, Tinian and Rota. Saipan alone has some \$4.5 million uncollected, Teregeyo said yesterday.

However, because some of these collections have sat for decades, DPL faces problems with expiring statute of limitations that prevent them from collecting

Teregeyo said some of these collections where the statutory limits have "died" amount to some \$683,000 or \$1 million. for example.

The oldest collections date back to 1988 or 1990.

"Those contain a big chunk of it. However, we are going to make sure we increase our efforts to collect for the ones that we can collect."

She said they are going through a list and has talked with their legal counsel, their compliance section, and financial division to make sure they run through their aging accounts and start issuing billings and notices to those who have not paid.

'The statute of limitation has run out on them and we just can't collect. This is part of the reason why DPL has required a security deposit fee for new land leases.

'We need to clear them so the audit will show it's clear. But for now, they show as delinquent."

### **Advisory board**

Teregeyo also addressed concerns from lawmakers, particularly Rep. Joseph Leepan Guerrero (R-Saipan), on the status of the DPL's advisory board.

Guerrero has clamored for an active advisory board, saying that the board, with its four appointed members, should have been able to meet.

DPL and the CNMI Office of the Attorney General contend, though, that they cannot meet, per DPL's enabling statute, until five members are appointed.

The sole un-appointed seat is Gov. Ralph DLG Torres' appointee. The rest are appointed by the respective island mayors.

An update on Torres' selection was not made available yesterday when requested from the Governor's Office.

The much ado about the advisory board comes down to what constitutes a quorum.

Those for their immediate establishment say four members are enough to constitute a quorum.

Teregeyo yesterday disagreed with comparisons made by those in the House of Representatives between DPL's advisory board and other similar boards for the scholarship office and Commonwealth Development Authority.

It's been argued that the OAG's application of the law is unique only to DPL's board and not to these other boards.

"The problem is," Tergeyo said, "they've [these boards] already established. They've already met. They've already created their by laws. The board has not met at all. And when they do meet, like the AG said in his letter, then the board themselves can come up with a bylaw that designates what quorum is."

She also expressed a con-

tinued willingness to communicate with Guerrero's office on the matter, saying that she has reached out to

Guerrero recently.

Tergeyo added that, "the advisory board is being blown out" of proportion "because we are waiting for that fifth member."

"Once that advisory board member is appointed, then they can decide what a quorum is with their bylaws," she stressed.

Teregeyo was also asked to comment on the House natural resource committee's move last week to recommend the passage of a bill to abolish DPL and replace it with a corporation governed by a board of trustees. That bill is House Bill 19-82 and is authored by Rep. Felicidad Ogumoro (R-Saipan).

Teregeyo acknowledged that lawmakers and the bill has raised a lot of issues about DPL, and stressed that they are working on these issues.

"It's that lack of communication between DPL and the Legislature" that's needed "for them to be aware that we are taking cared of," she explained.

"...The Legislature didn't plan on having a governing board," she also said. "And that's what that bill would do. [It would] dissolve it and turn it back on to a governing board.

She said there have been a lot of bills coming out from the Legislature regarding DPL and that the department has commented on them.

She said some of these bills require DPL to issue 2,000 of homestead lots every year.

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ologist Dr. Paul White said.

"When someone is identified as a possible case, we as public health TB Prevention and Control Program have the responsibility to protect the public by notifying and screening all possible exposure to an index case," DPH director Margarita Aldan said in a separate interview.

The screening was done through skin testing where a fluid is injected and the skin will be observed after 42 to 78 hours after injecting to see if there is swelling. This will determine if the person is infected or not.

According to White, the school helped them identify students who were potentially exposed and those who weren't.

Prior to conducting the screening, a letter explaining the situation was given to the staff and the parents and guardians of all students.

### **TB** infection vs disease

Tuberculosis is a disease caused by bacteria and usually affects the lungs but can also affect other parts of the body.

A person who has TB disease is very contagious and one has a higher risk of breathing in the bacteria when one is in close contact for prolonged period of time and exposure occurs in a small, enclosed space with poor ventilation.

The bacteria of TB can spread through the air through coughing, sneezing, speaking, singing, shouting, or even

White explained that there are two forms of TB: infection and disease.

If one is infected, they will have a positive skin test, normal chest x-ray, their immune system has contained the TB bacteria but has become dormant, and the person is not sick.

A person who is infected TB bacteria is not contagious and medicine is available to treat the infection and prevent TB disease in the future.

White said there is only a small chance of 10 percent for a person who gets infected with the bacteria for it to become a disease.

"If you are exposed, you have a 5 percent in the first two years to develop the disease and after those two years for the rest of your life, another 5 percent," White said.

TB disease, on the other

hand, does not show the bacteria in the immune system and it is awake and multiplying. A person sometimes feels sick and his or her chest x-ray is abnormal.

The symptoms of TB Disease includes prolonged cough, coughing up blood, chest pain, fever, night sweats, feeling weak or constantly tired, loss of appetite, and weight loss.

TB disease is curable, but can be fatal if not treated prop-

In the CNMI, there are more or less 20 cases of TB.

In 2015, the prevalence rate of TB was brought down to 30 cases a year from a rate of 100 new cases a year a decade ago.

"We have TB [on island], we hope to have less of it and programs will continue to work toward that," White said.

#### meeting" involving Deleon Guerrero and other officers. Guerrero said he was off-

island when this meeting was

"They waited until I was off-island to do it," the commissioner said.

Asked how he learned about the meeting, Guerrero said some officers did the "homework" for him.

"I have more support here than I actually thought I have," he said.

The commissioner stated that it is the reason why he is saying that police officers are professionals and are good officers.

"They see what is right and what's wrong. They support what is right," he said.

Guerrero said he was not so much upset about this group's meeting, but because they did it behind his back.

### First Chamorro monk hopes to have Buddhist temple on Saipan

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Phra Adrian Tanakaro is hoping someday that Thai Buddhists could have their own temple on Saipan. The first Chamorro to become a Buddhist monk was on island to take part in the Songkran festival celebration by the Thai community.

Catholics and other Christian sects have their own churches and places of worship, while Muslims on Saipan have a mosque in Garapan. Korean and Japanese Buddhists also have their own temples.

The Thai community is trying to look for a place where they can hold their celebration of their festivals and ponder on the teachings of Buddha.

Tanakaro said as of the moment Thai Buddhists don't have a place where they can meditate and study the teachings of Gautama Buddha or otherwise known as Siddhartha Gautama. His teachings were the foundation of Buddhism.

"We don't worship Buddha. There's this misconception of other people that we worship him. Buddha is not a god and he told his followers that 'don't worship me, instead honor me," added Tanakaro.

"Buddhism is also not a religion. We don't have deities and Gautama is just our figurehead. Buddhists follow

his teachings and philosophy as a way of life. We meditate to have peace of mind. The whole point of meditation is mindfulness, tranquility, and insight," he said.

He added that he already had several places in mind where the Thai Buddhist temple could be built and is looking to start the project after five years. He will be returning to Thailand to continue his studies.

Thai Buddhism is under the Theravada school using the Pali Canon that has the oldest recorded Buddhist texts, doctrines, traditions, and practices dating back hundreds of years after Gautama Buddha's death.

Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, and Sri Lanka are the other countries that follow Theravada as well as minority groups in Bangladeshh, China, Malaysia, Nepal, and Vietnam.

Phra Maha Wachira Paisopar accompanied Tanakaro when they led the chants and prayers with close to 20 Thais in attendance last Saturday at the Spicy Thai Noodle House in Garapan.

Songkran is the celebration of the traditional Thai New Year every April 13, but festivities of the annual holiday extends to April 14 and 15. The festival, marked by people sprinkling water on each other, is based on the Hindu lunar calendar in the astrological passage of Aries.



A member of the Thai community, right, lights the candles before the start of their prayers and meditation in last Saturday's Songkran festival or Thai New Year held at the Spicy Thai Noodle House.



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### 50 Rotary Hachioji South members to arrive

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The Rotary Club of Saipan will be hosting a 50-member delegation from sister club Tokyo Hachioji South this weekend. The large group is expected to arrive at 2pm Saturday and will be spending three days as exchange program.

Rotary Saipan president Curtis Dancoe and other members will be welcoming the group at around 3pm at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport.

"They are here to share with our cultural exchange program and for fellow-

part of the club's cultural ship between two Rotary clubs," said Dancoe during their meeting last Tuesday at the Giovanni's restaurant at Hyatt Regency Saipan.

> The Rotary Club of Saipan will also be hosting a complimentary barbecue dinner for the Japanese delegation starting at 6pm at the beach

side of the Hyatt.

Dancoe said Rotary Saipan's Japanese counterpart would also discuss on how to assist them with more projects in the future. "They plan to do more projects with us."

Rotary's Tokyo Hachioji South club has also donated more than \$2,500 to the CNMI's Typhoon Soudelor recovery fund.

Early this year, the Rotary Club of Saipan and Tokyo Hachioji South had a cultural Youth Exchange Program involving two high school students.

Cousins Andrea Camacho and Coleen Triana Duenas, the Interact Club presidents of Kagman and Marianas high

schools, respectively, represented the local club from Jan. 18 to 24.

It was Tokyo Hachioji South's turn last month with high school students Shiori Koiki and Riko Yamamura visiting Saipan where they met with Interact Club members and learned about the local culture.

### **COMMUNITY BRIEFS**

### **Garapan to experience temporary** power interruption

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. would like to inform the general public that there is a scheduled power interruption today, April 21, 2016, from 5:30am to 9:30am.

The purpose of the power interruption is to de-energize the primary lines to allow the CUC line crew to safely relocate two existing threephase primary power poles to the right of way on Hibiscus St. in Garapan. CUC greatly appreciates the understanding of the community during this period.

The areas to be affected is Garapan, specifically the Hafa-Adai Shopping Center, ABC Stores, and the Granvrio Beach Hotel Tower.

Because of the scale of work that will be performed, CUC is asking travelers to take alternate routes or to exercise caution when driving through the affected areas.

For more information, contact the CUC Customer Call Center (664-4282) or monitor our Facebook page for the latest updates (https:// www.facebook.com/CommonwealthUtilities-Corporation/). (PR)

### **UOG Theater presents 'What We** Love, What We Hate, What We Live'

The University of Guam Theater proudly presents its spring 2016 production "What We Love, What We Hate, What We Live: A FestPac One Act Play Festival" at the UOG Fine Arts Theater April 21-23 and April 28-30 at 7pm.

The performance features three original plays by local playwrights Peter Onedera, Marilyn Webber, and AD Roberto. These original plays will also be featured again in May for the FestPac.

Liheng Abusu by Peter Onedera is the story of a woman finding the courage to stand up to her abusive husband through the support of an abuse shelter. Tinaktak, Wine, and Tights by Marilyn Webber is a humorous look into the lives of a modern day Guamanian couple as they attempt to reconcile a misunderstood secret fetish. Nobena Para San Jude by AD Roberto explores the struggles of a young Chamorro man enduring life's challenges despite experiences of sexual, physical, and

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emotional abuse

Tickets are available at the box office on show nights. Ticket prices for youth/seniors is \$7.50 and general admission is \$10. Admission for UOG and GCC students is free with a current student ID or class schedule. (PR)

### Small craft advisory in effect until morning

The CNMI Emergency Operations Center has issued a small craft advisory until 6am this morning. The National Weather Service in Tiyan, Guam said a trade-wind surge with east winds of 15 to 20 kt and frequent gusts of up to 25 kt is moving through the Marianas' coastal waters.

Waves from these winds will combine with east swell to produce combined seas of 8 to 10 feet primarily east of the islands. These winds and seas will continue through Wednesday night then gradually subside starting Thursday

Acting governor Victor B. Hocog is advising the general public and inexperienced mariners, especially those operating smaller vessels, to avoid navigating in these conditions and take extra precautionary measures on entering and leaving harbor and inlets. (PR)

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### INVITATION FOR BIDS

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### NMHC IFB 2016-008 (A – F)

### Ground Maintenance Services for NMHC's Properties (Listing A – F) in Saipan

Governor Ralph DLG Torres and Lt. Governor Victor Hocog, through Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors are hereby giving notice that NMHC is soliciting sealed bids from interested, licensed companies in the Commonwealth to provide ground maintenance services for its properties in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Interested firms may pick up Bid Specifications at the NMHC Office in Garapan, Saipan beginning Monday, April 11, 2016, from 7:30 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except CNMI holidays.

A mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held at the NMHC Conference Room located in the Garapan, Saipan, on Monday, April 25, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. Bidders will have the opportunity to tour the properties owned by NMHC to be covered under the proposed contract. Attendance at this conference and site visits are considered essential to the bidders' understanding of the project elements, and a company that does not have a representative in attendance at the pre-bid conference will be considered as a non-responsive bidder. Inquiries regarding this solicitation must be addressed in writing to the NMHC Corporate Director at P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 no later than 9:00 a.m., April 28, 2016.

Sealed bids must be marked MMHCIFB 2016-008 (A-F). For bidders within the CNMI, one (1) original and three (3) copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Capitol Hill, Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950, not later than 10:00 a.m., local time Thursday, May 19, 2016. Bids received after the date and time will not be accepted. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notice of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m., local time, May 19,, 2016, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, one (1) original and three (3) copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than May 19, 2016, and must be received at Procurement and Supply no later than May 26, 2016. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Capitol Hill, Saipan at 10:00 a.m., local time, May 27, 2016. However, if no notice of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:30 a.m., local time on May 19, 2016.

All labor on this project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate of \$6.05 per hour which took effect on September 30, 2014 as established by Federal law including subsequent increases of \$.50 per hour as announced by the U.S. Department of Labor and/or the CNMI Department of Labor, whichever is higher.

NMHC hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contacts entered into pursuant to this advertisement, small business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids and will not be discriminated against on grounds of race, color, religion, sex, disabilities or national origin.

This project is also subject to Section 3 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1968 which requires the successful bidder to the "maximum extend feasible", take affirmative steps to provide training, contracting and employment opportunisure that the economic opportunities generated by these HUD funds are provided to local low-income residents in the CNMI.

Bidding procedures shall be in compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, however, Article 7, "Local Business Preference", as amended by Public Law 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118, is not available to local bidders in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funding for this project.

The bidder submitting the lowest responsible bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section NMIAC 70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsible bid will be awarded a contract with NMHC.

The Commonwealth Government reserves the right to reject any and all bids for any reason and to waive any defects in the bids if determined by the government to be in its best interest. All bids shall become the property of the Commonwealth

For information, call Ms. Jocelyn C. Seman, Office Manager/Procurement Officer or visit our Central Office in Garapan Saipan, during regular business hours, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except CNMI holidays.

> JESSE S. PALACIOS Corporate Director

HERMAN S. SABLAN Director, Procurement & Supply



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### Palacios, Park cherish Lego robotics experience

With their trip to the Lego robotics Nationals hanging in the balance, Saipan Seventhday Adventist School team members Rannon Palacios and Sion Park are relishing the

experience of competing in the 10th Annual North Pacific Regional Robotics Challenge.

"Each of us talked during the presentation. It was very fun talking about our project.

### IT&E introduces online, paperless, and auto bill payment program

IT&E is officially releasing its completely new and redesigned "Easy Touch" online billing system for all of its customers. Customers will need to register their accounts at mybilling.ite.net to take advantage of this new system.

This new system will allow all customers to register for and use three separate features. First, customers can register for Online Billing which allows customers to check and pay their current bill, see previous bills, view their payment history, and see any adjustments that have been made to their account whenever and wherever it is convenient for them.

The second feature allows customers to have paperless billing, which means that they won't have to wait for their bill to be delivered to them by mail. Instead, they can stop receiving the printed bills and view their bills online at any time. Third, customers may also register for IT&E's Auto Pay service which allows IT&E customers to pay their bills each month using the customer's chosen credit card without having to visit an IT&E Sales Center.

To reward its customers for registering in the "Easy Touch" system, IT&E is offering a \$5 credit for every ac-

count registered in this system and an additional \$5 credit for all customers who enroll in Auto Pay. These rewards are available to all customers who register within the first 90 days

of the program.

As an additional reward to their loyal customers, during the first three months of this program, IT&E will hold weekly drawings for IT&E promotional items and there will be a monthly drawing for a 40" flat screen TV. All accounts that register for the "Easy Touch" service will automatically be entered into the drawings.

IT&E Product manager, Veronica Acosta, said "We know how busy our customers are these days and that sometimes it is inconvenient to visit an IT&E store or other authorized payment location to pay their bills in person. So, we have designed this system to be as easy to use and as convenient as possible. I am sure that once our customers try it; they are going to love it!"

For more information, stop by IT&E's Chalan Laulau Store on Middle Road or their Garapan store inside the TSL building. Additional information is also available by calling the IT&E Customer Call Center at (670) 682-4483. (PR)

It made us comfortable and we became confident because of the experience," said the usually shy Palacios, a sixth grader.

"It was a pretty good experience. We get to see what the other teams had to offer, know other things, and see other places," added Park, who went to the U.S. for the first time.

Palacios said that almost everyone they met in the regionals don't know and never heard about Saipan or the CNMI. "That's why we keep telling them it is near Guam whenever they asked where Saipan is," she added smiling. Palacios and Park, along with teammate Miles Timmons and coach Melissa Stroud, competed in the regionals last week held at the Walla Walla Valley Academy College Place in Washington. They went home with several awards to earn an invitation to the nationals in California.

Cory Lee and Harvey Zhang were the other members of the team that clinched four awards in the Walla Walla regionals. They won the Robot Design category and the best in Project Presentation—the research of turning waste to energy—and also finishing second in Core and second overall out of 15 competing teams.

"We were not expecting

anything. We just came there to compete and do our best like what Ms. Stroud and others at SDA told us. We were surprised to win and finish second overall," said Park.

Those awards were enough to earn the team, nicknamed the Guardians, an invitation to the national finals on May 1 in Sacramento, California. They are one of three teams from the North Pacific Region that got invited.

The team, however, remains uncertain of making it to the nationals as they lack the needed funds for the trip. The entire team plus two guardians need close to \$10,000 for the trip and if ever they are going they need to leave Saipan on

April 28 to make it in time for the tournament.

Stroud, who previously helped another Adventist-run school in Alaska win the Adventist Robotics League Nationals, said they only have \$2,250 so far.

The Adventist Robotics League and Walla Walla University's Edward F. Cross School of Engineering sponsors the event in cooperation with the First Lego League and the Junior FLL.

MEGAbyte Saipan, Saipan SDA Dental Clinic with the doctors and staff, Café Mango Six, and Best Sunshine International, Ltd. helped fund the team's trip to Washington. (Jon Perez.)





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### **INVITATION FOR BID**

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BID SUBMISSION DATE: TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2016 • TIME: 10:00 AM

### NMHC IFB 2016-010

"PURCHASE OF BRUSH FIRE TRUCK
FOR
THE DEPARTMENT OF FIRE & EMERGENCY
MEDICAL SERVICES (DFEMS) - TINIAN"

Bid packets will be available on Friday, April 15, 2016, at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan, during regular working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Monday thru Friday except CNMI holidays.

This project is funded by a grant from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), under its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

For more information, contact Ms. Jocelyn C. Seman, Procurement Officer, or Mr. Jacob J. Muna, Planner/Environmental Officer at (670) 234-6866/7689 during regular business hours, 7:30 a.m. — 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except CNMI holidays.

/s/ Edward C. Sablan Board Chairman & Contracting Officer

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director Division of Procurement & Supply

#### By JON PEREZ

jon\_perez@saipantribune.com REPORTER

Marianas Visitors Authority destination enhancement specialist Tatiana Babauta gave an update of the current and other ongoing projects by the CNMI's tourism agency in Tuesday's Rotary Club of Saipan meeting held at the Hyatt Regency Saipan's Giovanni's restaurant.

You might have seen the repairs and construction being done along the Beach Road Pathway. We are relighting it and the project deadline is on June 16 this year," said Babauta, who was the Rotary's guest speaker.

"The project is long over-

Dennis James Mendiola and Ana Maria Mendiola P.O. Box 878 Rota, MP 96951 (671) 797-7342

#### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE **COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

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In The Matter Of the Petition for the Change ) CIVIL ACTION NO. 16-0138F of Name of: B.A.S.C. DOB 07/09/02 **NOTICE OF** 

Notice is hereby given that the

Dennis James Mendiola and

Ana Maria Mendiola

N. Camacho

May 6, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. in Rota CourtHouse, before Associate Judge Joseph

above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on

Dated this 11th day of April, 2016.

Patrick Diaz Clerk of Court

/s/ By: Deputy Clerk of Court

### Babauta gives update on MVA projects



MICHAEL A. WHITE, ESQ. F0122 THE LAW OFFICES OF MICHAEL A. WHITE, LLC. SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS 96950

ATTORNEY FOR Plaintiff

### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE **NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

THE FINANCIAL & INSURANCE SERVICES GROUP, INC.,	:	NO. 09-0345
Plaintiff, -v-	:	SUMMONS FOI Publication
CHARLOTTE S. VILLAGOMEZ	:	
Defendant.	:	

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is served upon you hereby, within twenty-one (21) days after the fourth publication of this Summons, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to THE LAW OFFICES OF MICHAEL A, WHITE, LLC, the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Post Office Box 5222, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT

Clerk of Courts for filing. Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you

as practicable after filling your answer or sending it to the

to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to answer in accordance with this Summons, judgement by default may be taken against you

for the relief demanded in the Complaint. DATED, this 12th day April, 2016 by order of the Court:

/s/ Clerk of Court

JAMES S. SIROK, LLC (F0124) Attorney at Law Saipan, MP 96950 Telephone (670) 234-7796 Email: jssirok@cs.com

**Attorney for**: Petitioner

#### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE **NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

OF THE PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIANSHIP FOR: 16-0128-FCD AMENDED ORDER RE NOTICE TIN YAN KWOK, aka An Incompetent APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIANSHIP FOR LATYEE WONG PERSON AND HEARING ON

On March 22, 2016, LAI YEE WONG, the natural mother of the incompetent person Tin Yan Kwok, filed her petition with the Court for an Order appointing her as the Guardian of Tin Yan Kwok.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that hearing on the Petition for Guardianship of Tin Yan Kwok shall be held on May 19, 2016 at 10:30 o'clock a.m. at the Superior Court of Commonwealth of the Northern

SO ORDERED this 14th day of April, 2016.

Attorney at Law Plata Drive, Whispering Palms (Chalan Kiya) P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND

NOTIFIED to file any answer you wish to make to the AMENDED COMPLAINT, a copy of which

Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP

our answer or sending it to the Clerk of Cour

of the above-entitled Court for filing.
Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Office of the Clerk of Court, CNMI

Superior Court, 1st Floor, Guma' Hustisia, limwal Aweewe, House of Justice, P.O. Box 500307, Saipan, MP 96950-0307. It may be

prepared and signed for you by your attorney and sent to the Clerk of Court by messenger

or by mail. It is not necessary for you to appea

If you fail to file an answer in accordance with this AMENDED SUMMONS, judgment by

default pursuant to the court rules of the above

entitled Court may be taken against you for the elief demanded in the Amended Complaint.

SO ORDERED on this 8th day of

/s/ Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerl

ersonally until further notice.

96950, or as soon as practicable after

norio Torres in Chalan Kiya, (20) days after service of this AMENDED SUMMONS upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to Robert Tenorio Torres,

) Small Claims

No.: 14-0460

) AMENDED SUMMONS

Robert Tenorio Torres

Tel: (670) 234-7859 mile: (670) 234-5749

Attorney for Plaintiff

BANK OF GUAM.

JULITA W. TUTIY,

Defendant.

Plaintiff.

/s/ KENNETH L. GOVENDO, Associate Judge

due. We take the initiative and [the Department of Public Works] helped us. Things are now moving fast and we are really hoping to meet the deadline for the repair and installation of the lights."

She added that Eli Cabrera of the Division of Parks and Recreation also worked with the Federal Emergency Management Agency where they checked all the damages of the Beach Road pathway and its lights from Typhoon Soudelor.

The MVA and DPW are replacing the lights being used in the lampposts at the pathway with energy-saving LED light bulbs.

Babauta also mentioned the MVA's Flower Island project where they aim to further enhance the Paseo de Marianas

by replanting and landscaping the Garapan tourist district. Royal Palm trees and Temple Fire Bougainvilleas are among the plants that will be replanted near the traffic medians on Beach Road near the American Memorial Park.

The MVA had also stationed security personnel and repaired the facilities in tourist destinations in the Marpi area, Saipan's northern most part. "We fixed all the bathrooms and have security stationed there in our efforts to make the area safe," said Babauta.

They also erected a giant structure mimicking a postcard with Suicide Cliff as the backdrop, where tourists can take pictures and selfies that they could upload on social media platforms using hashtags that would identify Saipan and the CNMI.

The MVA also has other projects in improving Kammer, Tachonga, and Taga beaches, and Suicide Cliff in Tinian, while they would also inspect Rota's tourist spots to know what needs to be done.

Babauta said they also have the Trash for Cash program where schools, student groups, and other organizations collect trash and exchange it for cash where at least four to five groups are doing cleanups in a week.

"You are already helping to keep our island clean and beautiful and at the same time you are building financial support for your group. Some of the groups doing the cleanup use it for fundraising purposes," added Babauta.



#### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

#### REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS for the CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES for the CONSTRUCTION OF THE TINIAN MUNICIPAL TRANSFER STATION **RFQ16-GOV-090**

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog through the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Office, (collectively, "Commonwealth") are soliciting sealed proposals from qualified consultants to provide Construction Management (CM) Services for the Construction of the Tinian Municipal Transfer Station

Procurement procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001, or latest revision thereof. Public Law 15-95 (Local Preference Act) as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this Federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of

The Construction Plan and the complete Scope of Work for the CM Servicw are available at the Governor's CIP Administrator's Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, CNMI. The construction plan is available for review only at the CIP Office. A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held on April 18, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the CIP Office. Questions regarding this RFQ must be submitted in writing to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia, Project Manager no later than 2:00 p.m. on April 19, 2016. Questions must be sent to fax no. (670) 664-2408 and emailed the she had a control of the control of th

Statements of professional qualification from interested firms must address, and will be evaluated on the following criteria

- Overall construction management experience in the Western Pacific Region, and especially in the Commonwealth of the Northern
- Specialized experience and technical competence in the type of work required and previous experience with projects similar in
- scope (25%) Key personnel's professional qualifications, experience and availability for the proposed services. Indicate the proposed project engineer for this project, his/her professional integrity and competence and his/her knowledge in construction management for buildings and infrastructures. (25%)
  Past performance on similar projects, including cost control, ability to meet schedules, and quality of completed construction. (25%)
  Current workload and demonstrated ability to perform the project Scope of Work (10%)
  Fee (0%) Proposed fee must be based on a 10 months project schedule.

To qualify, firms must have a valid CNMI Business License, and be currently licensed to practice engineering in the CNMI, and must hold a Certificate of Authorization, if applicable. Fee estimates will assist the CIP Office for budgeting purposes, but will not be considered in the Firm

Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330 or the latest version of Standard Forms. Only professionally licensed firms with a valid CNMI business license will be considered

Discussions shall be conducted with the top three (3) ranked firms. After a selection is made, negotiations will be conducted with the highest qualified firm to determine the final fair and reasonable price of the contract for the work to be performed. The selected firm will be subjected to a responsibility and responsiveness determination in compliance with Section 3-301 of the CNMI Procurement Regulations.

Oualifications statements must be sealed and marked "RFO16-GOV-090". Construction Management. Services for the Construction of the Qualifications statements must be sealed and marked "RFQ16-GOV-990", Construction Management Services for the Construction of the Tinian Municipal Transfer Station". For proposers within the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of the qualifications statement must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP, no later than 10:00 a.m., on April 27, 2016. Proposers located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose. Notices of Intent to Propose must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m., ChST, on April 27, 2016 and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of the sealed qualifications statement must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than April 27, 2016, and must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m., ChST on

/s/ Ralph DLG. Torres,

May 6, 2016. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies of the proposal may be cause for rejection of a proposal

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so would be in the best interests of the CNMI government. All proposals shall become the sole property of the CNMI government.

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director of Procurement & Supply

ity, hereby gives notice that a Regular Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Tuesday April 26, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the MVA Conference Room, San Jose Professional Building Saipan, MP 96950.

### **MEETING AGENDA**

- - Roll Call
  - Adoption of Agenda
  - Regular Board Meeting March 22, 2016
- **Public Comments**
- Finance
- **New Business** 
  - RFP Selection Committee
  - Offshore Representation
  - Sustainability/Feasibility Study
  - Destination Enhancement
  - Beach Road and Coral Tree Avenue
  - Japan Revitalization Program
- PATA CEO Visit
- - Tourist Exit Survey Research Committee

  - Miscellaneous/Announcements
- **Executive Session**
- Adjournment
- Chair, MVA Board of Directors

### **MEETING NOTICE**

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, the Marianas Visitors Author-

- **Preliminary Matters** 
  - Call to Order
  - Adoption of Minutes
- **Committee Reports** 
  - FY 2015 Audited Financial Statements

    - Contract for Landscaping Services for Garapan
- **Old Business**
- - **Email Poll Ratification**
  - Japan Arrivals DL Support Program
- Marian Aldan-Pierce

### Red Cross holds Pillowcase Project at KES

The American Red Cross-NMI Chapter recently completed The Pillowcase Project-Disaster Awareness and Preparedness Presentations to all 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders at Koblerville Elementary School.

The Pillowcase Project teaches the students and their families how to prepare for disasters. The Pillowcase Project curriculum consists of three core principles: Learn, Practice, and Share.

The students were taught about hazards, how to prepare for emergencies, en-



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Koblerville Elementary School participate in The Pillowcase Project-Disaster Awareness and Preparedness Presentations of the American Red Cross-NMI Chapter.

hance coping skills, practice what they have learned, and share their knowledge with friends and family.

The program emphasizes the importance of developing an emergency communications plan, fire escape plan, and emergency contact cards.

The Pillowcase Project program also teaches the students the importance of preparedness in a fun and handson way.

The hands-on activities builds confidence and pre-

pares children to take action during an emergency. The program also teaches students how to create their own emergency supply kits by packing essential items in a pillowcase for easy transport during an emergency. Students will have the opportunity to decorate and personalize their pillowcases.

The Red Cross will be planning more Pillowcase presentations at other elementary schools throughout the year.

For more information about the Pillowcase Project or if you are interested in volunteering for the American Red Cross, call 234-3459. (PR)

### COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

Main Office: SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPOR P.O. BOX 501055 • SAIPAN • MP 96950 Phone: (670) 237-6500 • Fax: (670) 234-5962

#### **JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT # 02-2016**

Opening date: April 21, 2016

Closing date: May 6, 2016

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) announces the following job vacancy:

- (1) Radio Operator/Weather Observer (Rota) (1) AOA/Ground Maintenance-I (Rota) (1) Ports Police/ARFF Trainee (Tinian)
- AOA/Ground Maintenance-I (Tinian)
- (1) Human Resource Specialist (Saipan)
  (1) Accounts Clerk-I (Saipan)
  (2) ARFF Trainee (Saipan)

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Detailed information on qualifications and position description for the above positions shall be picked up along with the application form during regular working hours at the CPA's Administration Office (2nd Floor) of the Saipan International Airport, Arrival Wing. For additional information, please contact the Ms. Addy C. Manahane, by email at cpa.acmanahane@gmail.com or by phone at (670) 237-6500.

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/s/ MaryAnn Q. Lizama



### COMMONWEALTH CASINO COMMISSION



### PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Open Government Act, Governor Ralph DLG. Torres, and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Commonwealth Casino Commission ("Commission"), hereby give notice that the Commission has scheduled a meeting on Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. through Thursday, April 28, 2016, at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library (Technology Room) in Susupe, Saipan.

The following Agenda will be discussed:

#### PRELIMINARIES:

- Adoption of Agenda Adoption of Minutes February 19, 2016 & March 4, 2016 C. D.

#### REPORTS:

Report by the Chairman Report by the Executive Director

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- G2E Expo/Conference and Meetings with Regulators in Asia
- IPI Internship Program
  IPI Drug Free Work Place Policy

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- Election of Officers: (1) Chairman; (2) Vice Chairman; (3) Secretary; (4) Treasurer; and (5) Public Affairs & Media Relations
  Casino Key Employees Provisional Licenses (R. A. Bell, R. J. Chan, K. H. Cheang, L. K. Ho, Y.L. Kwong, I. L. Ng, & E. Wan)
  Casino Vendor License: YWA Human Resource, CNMI Corporation Meeting with the Rating Agencies
  Review of IPI Financial Reports

#### VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

### MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

### ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a) (7) and Section 13(c), the Commission may vote to meet in Executive Session. In addition, the Commission may extend its official meeting for another day or more if necessary.

Juan M. Sablan



#### **Notice of Zoning Board Meeting**

The regular meeting of the Zoning Board will be held on Thursday, April 28, 2016 at 5:00 PM, Zoning Board Conference Room 2nd floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Bldg (Tel: 234-9661 • Fax: 234-9666 • e-mail: www.zoning.gov.mp)

#### A. Preliminary Matters

- 3. Adoption of Agenda
- 1. Adoption of 03/31/16 meeting minutes
- 5. Public Comments (not related to files for discussion under item B. Public Hearings)

### B. Public Hearings

Conditional Use Application #2016-0342: We Go Corporation is proposing to operate a restaurant with barbeque facilities in Ladder Beach. This use is classified as "Restaurant General" and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This proposal is located on lot #051 L 01 next to the beach area and it is zoned as Public Resource.

Conditional Use Application #2016-1235 (Amendment): ITS Corporation is proposing to amend its previous Conditional Use Permit for "Vehicle Repair, General" to include additional structures for repair and employee quarters. This project is located on TR 22703-8 and TR 22597-3 in Chalan Laulau, Middle Road, north

Conditional Use Application #2016-1360 (Amendment): Castle Project (CNMI), LLC has proposed to amend its Conditional Use Permit to renovate and utilize an additional existing warehouse structure (Building E) formerly used by Top Fashion Factory for employee quarters. This use is classified as "Institutional Residential" and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This project is located in Tanapag on lots 030 B 15, 030 B 13, and 030 B 18. It is zoned as Mixed Commercial.

### C. Communications

### D. Old Business

E. New Business

Office Operations Reports (Permits, Enforcement)

### F. Executive (Closed) Session

G. Miscellaneous: Other Matters, Announcements, Next Meeting, Adjourn.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the Board meeting, or if you require assistance, please contact the Zoning Administrator, Therese T. Ogumoro, at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & 10 CMC

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Zoning Board Chairman



### NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD **PUBLIC HEARING**

for We Go Corporation

The public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board public hearing on this request for Conditional Use Permit. We Go Corporation is proposing to operate a restaurant with barbeque facilities in Ladder Beach. This use is classified as "Restaurant, General" and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This proposal is located on lot #051 L 01 next to the beach area and it is zoned as Public

Nate: Anril 28th 2016 Thursday

Time: 5:00 pm

Place: Zoning Board Conference Room, 2nd Fl. Joeten Dandan

Comm'l Bldg.

The above application may be viewed at the Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan. Comments on the project may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments shall be submitted in writing to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, Dandan, Saipan no later than 4:30pm, Wednesday, April 27, 2016 or via email to therese ogumoro@zoning.gov.mp , or US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950.

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/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Board Chairman



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### **Opinion**



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### **EDITORIAL**

# The 'affluenza' sham: Two years is still not enough for killer of four

n June 2013, a drunken Ethan Couch of Fort Worth, Texas, plowed his pickup truck into a group of people. Couch, 16 at the time, was driving 70 mph in a 40 mph zone. His recklessness killed four people and paralyzed one.

During his trial, Couch's prior brushes with the law painted an unflattering picture of a youth who always was able to buy his way out of trouble, thanks to the wealth generated by his father's metal roofing company. Confronted with manslaughter charges, his lawyers offered a novel defense: The teen was suffering from "affluenza" — an affliction that befalls those who lack parental guidance and a sense of morality, yet still manage to operate from a position of privilege.

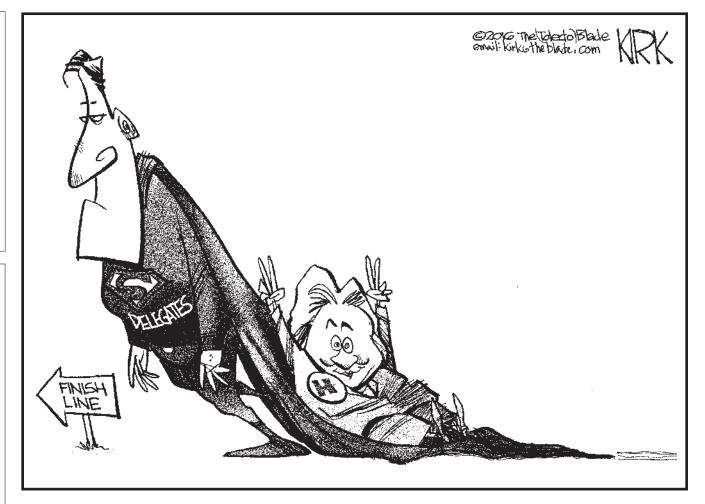
It was a risky maneuver that spared Couch jail time, though not conviction. To the outrage of those who knew and loved the victims, Ethan Couch was sentenced to a decade of probation and no incarceration. The judge ordered him to stay away from booze and out of trouble — or else face adult time in prison.

While the nation debated the merits of "affluenza," the newly minted felon disappeared from public consciousness until last year when cellphone video showing him at a party where drinking was occurring turned up. Rather than face the music for violating probation, Couch and his mother fled to Mexico, where they donned disguises to evade the law.

They were caught in December and sent back to Texas. The felon, now 19, has been in custody ever since. Last week, District Judge Wayne Salvant sentenced Couch to jail for two years. He got 180 days for each of the four people he killed. Unless the judge reconsiders, the terms are to be served consecutively, making it far more time than what even the prosecutors originally asked for. Still, two years in jail for taking four lives, paralyzing a passenger and fleeing to Mexico falls far short of what Ethan Couch deserves.

Justice was delayed in Ethan Couch's case, but it wasn't completely denied. He will have years of enforced sobriety to think about his crimes and experience what it means to be held responsible for his own actions.

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### **A FIESTA**

he hotel is one of three under the TH canopy: Century is where I stay normally since I can afford not to blink when the discount I am normally accorded is made; the Kanoa Resort is a bit rich for my wallet but for friends coming from outside the CNMI who pay for a hotel anyway, I take them to Kanoa as an excuse to visit Club C; but the place where I love to hang out happens to be the Fiesta Resort & Spa south of Micro Beach and just across from the Coral Tree Avenue entrance to the Garapan center, the Paseo de Marianas.

Location matters. The former Dai-ichi Hotel is well situated to the nightlife of Paseo de Marianas and the downtown Garapan area.

We report on new commercial innovations on island once. One of those is the Marianas Ink, the only registered tattoo place on Saipan, observing its one-year anniversary this April. We touched on it on our Rose Tattoo opinion piece, pointed to the tattoo parlor while celebrating the industry of the three Chan sisters Anna, Rose, and Cathy whose parents migrated from Hong Kong. In an earlier time, I attended events organized by the Chinese Association of Saipan, many of it held at the Hibiscus room of the Fiesta Resort. Rose is a principal and a director of the association.

I also looked into Fiesta's recent extension to the open air terrace of the Chambre Bar adding space for 20 seats more. I met Das Krishnan, the food/beverage director, a gentleman of Tamil descent born and bred in Malaysia, and the hotel general manager, Abner Acosta, a young executive from the Philippines trained in hotel management.

Western preoccupation with the "new" is understood from the perspective of time. On the influence of Europe, America has a very keen sense of time. The past, the present, and the future tenses regulate its verbs, shown in its syntactical character.

Sinosphere of Oriental mind ignores linear time as not that essential but place and role are. The dynasties in China were names of places; Kim among the last names in the Koreas are about a fourth of all its last names, and that was because the royalty came from an area called Kim. So anyone who has pretentions on being on the higher echelons of the social pecking order is named Kim in Hanguk.

If the tenses of verbs are characteristic of European languages, the status of roles and known places is important in China. The mother of the husband in a family is called by one name, not the same as the mother of the wife. Both are referred to as "mothers" and are called as such but of different status. The male's mother takes precedence over the female's mother, true in all kinship relations.

The freshness of anything new is perceived to be creative in the European mindset. New cloths and fashionable attires

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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avoid "old" age. Europe's sense of time came to Zhongguo (the middle kingdom) during the Manchu reign when the East still considered the old and elderly as the precious assets of social stability and order, deserving respect and honor. They knew no time in the context of history but roles in the context of Oriental social relations.

In our use of the term "Fiesta," our sense is of a feast of the East, a term I refer to the hotels on Saipan getting active when we welcome visitors to our shore. Elsewhere, fiesta designates a religious festival, observed more in tropical Hispanic countries rather than the austere Camino de Santiago de Compostela of Galicia. In a secular barrio setting, it is a huge party in the Philippines where folks go gaga over the crowning of queens and their princesses in the annual honoring of a patron saint, an excuse to hold a local *pintakasi* (a cockfight).

Hotels liven up Saipan's life that increased the number of contract workers. They now outnumber indigenes, as the island economy cannot meet demands brought in by a wayward investment pattern, so laborers are brought in and then leave after their term. Right?

Hong Kong said the same and Victoria Peak got inundated. Outer islands, Kowloon and the New Territories absorbed excess. Singapura has space but a causeway to Malaysia chugs a great railroad system so it has a vent. Saipan has "military" Tinian next door, sparsely populated Rota is a jewel waiting to be found, and the bleat of the deer and goats of the Northern Islands awaits the human touch. But indigenes are being elbowed out.

Hotel personnel and construction workers on Saipan came to settle for good. Visitors take to hotels, workers hovel in shantytowns. Construction taxes infrastructures that could not be built fast enough for the burgeoning population. But my mostly migrant class sings as a round, "Free, free, free to decide. What this world is going to be. We decide, we choose, we are free, free, free..."

Does this song sound like a feast? Island life fuels celebrations; the singing is loud, the dancing shoe and the thick mascara are on hand. CWs are ever ready. Add the World Cafe, the Mai Teppanyaki, and the Chambre Bar, and the Fiesta is ready, too.

Shall we feast?

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### Turks see country spiraling into violence, instability

STANBUL—The rumors ricocheting through Istanbul reached us on March 16, when a close Turkish friend urged us to leave the city for the weekend. The next day, my Turkish teacher, as well as the lifeguard at my gym, offered similar warnings. Three days later, at 9:30 a.m., the easygoing young man who delivers hefty plastic jugs of fresh water walked into my kitchen with a week's supply. "Will there be trouble in the city today?" I asked him. "Yes," he instantly replied. "There will be bombs. Stay home."

Two hours later a suicide bomber killed four people and injured 36 others in a blast on Istiklal Street, Istanbul's main shopping corridor. The Turkish government blamed a young Islamic State member for the attack.

My wife and I, after many years in New York City, moved to Istanbul in August 2014. For a year we savored the manifold pleasures of this magnificent, relatively affordable city — the ferry rides across the Bosphorus; the maze-like back streets of Kadikoy, packed with bakeries, spice shops, bookstores, cafes and atmospheric fish restaurants; the grandeur of the 16th century mosques designed by Mimar Sinan; and the excursions to the nearby islands of Heybeliada and Buyukada, where the principal mode of transport is the horse-drawn carriage.

During that exuberant first year, we did see things that made us queasy: We noticed that citizens were prosecuted for "insulting" President Recep Tayyip Erdogan; and we observed that peaceful protesters were often treated aggressively by police in full riot gear. "Everyone is afraid," Nobel laureate Orhan Pamuk declared in December 2014. "Freedom of expression has fallen to a very low level." Despite all this, some of our close Turkish friends felt the country was gradually, albeit precariously, inching in the right direction.

That progress was halted on July 20, 2015, when a suicide bomber struck a group of young Turkish leftists on their way to a humanitarian mission in the Syrian border town of Kobani. Thirty-two people were killed and more than 100 were wounded. Although Turkish officials blamed Islamic State, the Kurdis-

tan Workers' Party, or PKK, suspected government involvement and understood the incident as an attack on the Kurdish cause. After it retaliated by killing two police officers, a fragile two-and-a-half-year cease-fire between the government and the PKK collapsed, and a war resumed — one that resembles the ghastly conflicts that, in recent decades, have torn apart Sri Lanka, Peru and Colombia. (This war is mostly confined to the southeastern part of the country.)

As a result of all this turmoil, the mood in Istanbul has turned funereal. Tourists usually descend upon the city in March and April, but many have chosen to stay home or go elsewhere. Quite a few of the hundreds of bars, cafes and restaurants that surround Istiklal Street are deserted. The young manager of an elegant hotel in the city center told me that circumstances have forced him to drop his daily rate by 100 euros. Like many educated, secular Turks in their 20s and 30s, he doesn't see a future in this country. He and his wife are trying to relocate to Amsterdam.

Shopkeepers, too, are feeling the strain. Forty percent of the shops in Istanbul's leather-exporting district have closed this year, leaving 3,000 people jobless. "The dream is over here," a leather industry spokesman told the English-language Hurriyet Daily News. A few days ago I went to Lale Plak, a famed record store on Istiklal Street that was founded in 1957 and that embodies Istanbul's deep-rooted cosmopolitanism. I fell into conversation with a stylish Turkish musician in her 40s who had lived in Paris for many years but returned to Istanbul in 2012. I asked her if she had made the right decision by coming back to Turkey. "I'm not happy about it," she replied. "I don't like the situation."

Many Turks express an acute sense of deja vu: They feel trapped in the circularity of modern Turkish history. "I don't expect things to change any time soon — violence breeds violence," says a Turkish friend in her late 20s. Another Turkish friend, who owns a small shop, remarked to me last week: "We believe that this is just the beginning" — by which he means the onset of a downward spiral of violence and insta-

### By SCOTT SHERMAN

Los Angeles Times

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bility. Two recent blasts in the heart of the capital, Ankara, undertaken by a Kurdish radical group, have left the entire country anxious and fearful.

Some Istanbul activists who participated in the Gezi Park protests of 2013 are now reluctant to attend political demonstrations — they worry about terrorism. Many people here have reduced their use of public transportation. Each day, an interminable chorus of gloom rises from the lively op-ed pages of the Hurriyet Daily News. (Another English-language newspaper, Today's Zaman, was just liquidated by the government; its online archive was reportedly destroyed.) Expats are edgy, and some have already purchased one-way plane tickets. "Turkey seems to be moving in just one direction," sighed a British man who, after a satisfying couple of years in the downtown bohemian enclave of Cihangir, recently decided to make his home in London.

Two days after the bombing on Istiklal Street, I went to the site of the attack. Police cars flanked the locked gates of nearby foreign consulates, and the city's most bustling shopping corridor imparted a ghostly atmosphere. A crowd of 50 people was tightly clustered around a makeshift shrine to the dead and wounded. There were flowers, photographs and hand-written signs, but what I mainly remember is the thick black pistol that protruded from the breast pocket of a plainclothes policeman who, on this radiant early spring afternoon, was grinning and chatting with his friends.

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### That's CHC for you!

On or around April 8 or 9 at approximately 8:45am, my brother was taken to the CHC ER by my father for severe abdominal pain, nausea, and vomiting that had persisted throughout the night. Before leaving the house, I reminded him to tell the staff in the ER that he was allergic to everything that was not Tylenol based.

Around 10:30am, I received a call from the ER stating that my brother was discharged and ready for pick-up. I walked into the CHC main entrance and saw my brother sitting in the waiting area by the PHI Pharmacy. I immediately noticed both his eyes were extremely swollen which immediately indicated to me that he was given something he was allergic to. He had previously been brought to the ER over a year ago while residing in Hawaii when he was given Motrin instead of Acetaminophen. I asked him what happened. He stated he didn't understand how he entered the hospital for abdominal pain and was leaving with still severe pain, but now with swollen eyes. He stated that he had told them of his allergies.

I became irate and asked him where his discharge papers were so I could review what was administered to him. He then stated he was never given any papers. I admittedly became even more irate and demanded to know where the ER entrance door was. He pointed down the hall. I walked into the ER to a counter and saw three people sitting in front of their computers glancing up at me but never acknowledging my presence nor asking if I needed any help until I yelled "Hello" in a loud, angry voice. One lady looked up and asked "May I help you?" I said my brother was seen here a couple of hours ago and I want to know where his discharge papers are. She looked at me and said, "Oh, we don't do that here." I asked, "What the hell do you mean you don't do that here? I want to know what was done to him and what he was

given while he was here." She then proceeded to say they only do verbal in this hospital.

I was getting more and more angry and was then asked to wait in the waiting room and they will ask the attending doctor to come out and speak to me. The doctor eventually came out to meet with me and after getting an approval from my brother to speak to me regarding his medical report, he then proceeded to tell me that they were just working with bare bones in the hospital and that's why no discharge papers are given out. I said my brother specifically told you people that he was allergic to everything that was not Tylenol-based and yet he was given something that he was allergic to.

The doctor tried to insinuate that my brother had arrived at the ER already looking puffy. Feeling aggravated that I was being talked down to I asked him "What did you give him? My brother told me you gave him Benadryl. The only reason you would have given the Benadryl is if you had given him something and you saw the allergic reaction and gave the Benadryl to try and counteract the adverse reaction. I want you to list what you gave him. The doctor then proceeded to say he gave IV for dehydration and Zofran for nausea. I said that there had to be something else that was given to him. He finally admitted he gave and anti-inflammatory injection Toradol. AHA! There it was. That's what caused his eyes to be swollen, which explained the Benadryl being administered.

The doctor then tried to immediately state that the dose he gave was not enough to cause anaphylactic shock, but should my brother experience any shortness of breath, continued pain, or any other symptoms to bring him back to the ER because he was going to be working the whole night. So now it was going to become my job to watch my brother for any symptoms due

to an injection he gave? My brother should never have been released from the ER until he was free of all symptoms and he should have been monitored to ensure that he didn't go into shock or stopped breathing. I am outraged at the extremely poor services being rendered at CHC. I feel like the services have regressed into practically Third World status! Can you imagine all the people who walk through those doors with no one to advocate for them?!

Every patient has a right when they walk into any clinic or hospital to be given a written notice stating their patient rights and sign that they were given a copy of their patient's rights. Every patient also has the right when discharged to be given discharge papers that states who treated them, what they were treated with, and what their diagnosis was.

I hope whoever the director of that hospital corrects this and advocates for the rights of every patient that walks through those doors. How are the directors and administrators of the hospital chosen and do they have a medical background? I cannot comprehend how this happens and is acceptable. I speak to other island residents and common response is "That's CHC for you." "That's the island life for you." "That's the hospital of death." How is that acceptable and why do people settle? This is an outrage. I am pleading with our legislators and our elected officials in the highest offices to please make the overhauling of healthcare services and quality of care be a priority! People are dying. People are being mistreated. Someone besides myself has to care!

Thank you for giving me a voice, an outlet, to speak for those who can't!

Caroline H. Aldan Via email **12** THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2016 SAIPAN TRIBUNE

### The Weather

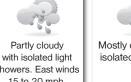
#### 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

SATURDAY



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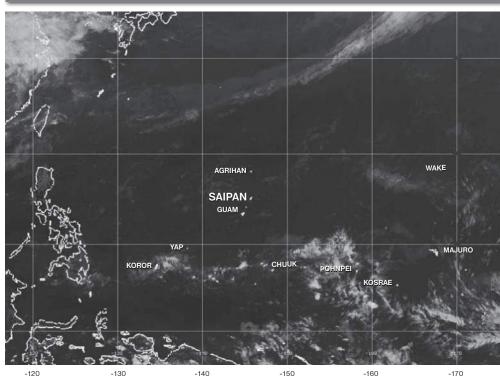


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#### Yesterday's Satellite Image

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Trade-wind convergence is generating a band of scattered showers across the Republic of Palau, Yap, Chuuk and Pohnpei states between 5N and 10N from 132E to 160E. A tradewind disturbance is producing scattered showers south of Majuro, south of a line from 6N167E to 7N180. A shear line curves southwestward through 25N142E to 22N130E. Clouds and patchy rain are seen along and north of this boundary to beyond 25N.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

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# **UOG** biology student chosen for summer research experience

Students at the University of Guam's College of Natural and Applied Sciences are excelling in their efforts in applying for off-island summer research and study grants. Several undergraduates will be gaining valuable training at research institutes and universities in Boston, Washington, D.C., Missouri, and Costa Rica.

Eduardo Biala, a biology major, will be working in the Department of Biology at Northeastern University in Boston as part of an interdisciplinary research team. The program, Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) supports the training of ten students for ten weeks over the summer.

Biala believes that the skillset he has been acquiring while working part time propagating plants at the Tissue Culture Laboratory, a collaborative effort between UOG and Guam Department of Agriculture, was what made the difference.

USDA's Specialty Crop Block Grant Program provides funding for the Tissue Culture Lab. "Education and Training of Local Workforce Through Tissue Culture Production of Healthy Bananas on Guam" is the title of the grant overseen by Alicja Wiecko.

"Learning lab skills in tissue culture plant production, such as using an autoclave, aseptic techniques, testing plants for viruses through ELISA and preparing growing media allowed me to include these very unique skills on my application to REU. The faculty at Northeastern told me that this knowledge gave me a competitive edge over other candidates," said Biala.

The 10 students from around the country that are accepted into the REU program will receive room, board and a generous stipend. They will be working with an interdisciplinary team of scientists investigating research questions from varying perspectives. Biala has requested to work with the scientists investigating mechanisms of UVinduced skin repair on Axolotl Salamanders. "I was drawn to work on this project because I could not find very much information on it and thought it would be a novel research topic," explained Biala.

Working at REU will help Biala decide what direction he will take in his professional career. He is considering medicine, but he is also interested in conducting biomedical research. He hopes the opportunity to travel to the US mainland and work on cutting-edge research with scientists in diverse fields will give him the experience to make an informed decision. (PR)

### SYP to hold 'We Run The Night' fun run

Saipan Chamber of Commerce's Saipan Young Professionals will hold the inaugural "We Run The Night" fun run.

This year, a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Kagman High School "Million Dollar Scholars" program. This program benefits top students who have already been awarded full college scholarships in their efforts to get to off-island schools. Each participant in the fun run will select a local high school to represent. SYP will be awarding the school with most participants a grand prize.

The run will be held on Friday, Earth Day, April 22, 2016. Registrations will begin at the Minatchom Atdao Pavillion at 6:30pm and the run will commence shortly at 7pm. The turning point will be at the Quartermaster Road; and the finish line will be back at the Minatchom Atdao pavilion. The first registrants will receive one free LED armband. The armbands are battery operated and can be reused. In honor of Earth Day, participants and supporters are encouraged to observe "Earth Hour" and to turn off electricity from 8:30pm to 9:30pm. SYP would like to thank Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance, which has loaned them recycling bins for the event to promote recycling and environmental awareness.

The Department of Public Safety will be present to ensure safety during the run and volunteer nurses and staff from Marianas Health Services will be on hand to assist at the water stations with first aide care. Participants are encouraged to wear white or any brightly colored clothing.

Special thank you to water station and prize sponsors: Dickerson & Quinn, Pacifica Insurance Underwriters, Saipan Ice & Water, and First Hawaiian Bank.

Registration forms are available at the Saipan Chamber of Commerce office, Marianas Business Plaza, 3rd floor, Suite #315. Feel free to call (670) 234-7150 or email administrator@saipanchamber. com. (*PR*)



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### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

**WIC Income Eligibility Guidelines 2016-2017** 

On March 18, 2016, a Notice announcing the revised WIC Income Eligibility Guidelines was published in the Federal Register. The adjusted income eligibility guidelines are used by State agencies in determining the income eligibility of persons applying to participate in the WIC Program.

The CNMI WIC Program will be implementing the new guidelines effective May 1, 2016. So please check to see if you now qualify.

To be eligible on the basis of income, applicants' gross income (i.e. before taxes are withheld) must fall at or below 185 percent of the U.S. Poverty Income Guidelines (see below).

### **WIC Income Eligibility Guidelines**

(Effective from May 1, 2016 to April 30, 2017)

	48 Contiguous States, D.C., Guam and Territories						
	Annual	Monthly	Twice-Monthly	Bi-Weekly	Weekly		
1	\$21,978	\$1,832	\$916	\$846	\$423		
2	29,637	2,470	1,235	1,140	570		
3	37,296	3,108	1,554	1,435	718		
4	44,955	3,747	1,874	1,730	865		
5	52,614	4,385	2,193	2,024	1,012		
6	60,273	5,023	2,512	2,319	1,160		
7	67,951	5,663	2,832	2,614	1,307		
8	75,647	6,304	3,152	2,910	1,455		
Each Add'l Member Add	+\$7,696	+\$642	+\$321	+\$296	+\$148		

A person or certain family members who participate in other benefits programs, such as the Nutrition Assistance Program (formerly the Food Stamp Program), or Medicaid automatically meet the income eligibility requirement. For more information, please call the WIC Clinic at 664-4084.

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### Students receive special recognition at Jr. High Mock Trial

The Northern Marianas Humanities Council marked 12 years of the Junior High Mock Trial on April 2. Ten schools with over 80 students participated in the event.

Participating schools included Admiral Herbert G. Hopwood Junior High School, Chacha Ocean View Middle School. Dandan Middle School, Dr. Rita H. Inos Junior Senior High School, Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja, Saipan Community School, Saipan International School, San Antonio Middle School, Tanapag Middle School, and Tinian Junior Senior High School.

Superior Court Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio and Associate Judge Joseph Camacho, along with attorney and CNMI Bar vice president Jennifer Dockter, presided over rounds on the fictitious case between Devon Douglas and Riley Harrison regarding a car accident and the use of a smartphone while driving.

The junior high mock trial is a signature program of the council and, although it is non-competitive, students

case are recognized for their exemplary performance in each round.

For the first round in Kim-Tenorio's courtroom, Dr. Rita H. Inos Junior Senior High School's Raimundo Manglona received special recognition for his role as plaintiff attorney and Kiara Bapari for her role as plaintiff witness. For the opposing side, Saipan Community School's JP Sablan received special recognition as defense attorney and Moon Zeng and Mateo Guerrero as witnesses for the defense.

For the first round in Camacho's courtroom, Chacha Ocean View Middle School's Fay Sizemore, Nina Valdisimo, and Jennifer Crolla were given special recognition for their roles as plaintiff attorneys; and Francisco Ermitanio, Ely Taitano and Princes Pasion as witnesses for the plaintiff. Representing the defense, Tanapag Middle School's Fiona Rathburn, Francisca Maduqu, and Kristan Isip were given special recognition as attorneys;

representing each side of the and Marlayna Sablan, Redz Rivera, and Jimmy Joe Marquez as witnesses.

> For the first round in Dockter's courtroom, Tinian Junior Senior High School's Kayla Manglona was recognized for her role as plaintiff attorney and Anne Sanchez for her role as plaintiff witness. On the opposing side. Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja's Jeremy John Atalig stood out as defense attorney and Auston E. Guiawan as defense witness.

For the second round in Kim-Tenorio's courtroom, Dandan Middle School's Aeyanna Maratita received special recognition for her role as plaintiff attorney and Grace Zhang as plaintiff witness. Representing the defense, San Antonio Middle School's Elaine Fernandez received special recognition for her role as attorney and Devahn Dogelio was as a witness.

For the second round in Camacho's courtroom, Admiral Herbert G. Hopwood Junior High School's John Mercader, Jefferson Cunnanan, and John Oh received special recognition for their roles as plaintiff attorneys; and Hanna Quiambao, Kaye Ann Obando and Alex Aman as defense witnesses. For the opposing side, Saipan International School's Shea Hartig, Allan Lee and Emma Timmons were given special recognition for their roles as defense attorneys; and Maria Gregorie, Steven Goodwin, and Henry Qian as defense witnesses.

For the third and last round,

which took place in Camacho's courtroom, Saipan Community School's Jason Sablan, Seung Ju Lee, and Mark Nam received special recognition for their roles as plaintiff attorneys; and Sunny Woo, R.J. Pierce, and Maxine Rabago for their roles as plaintiff witnesses. For the opposing side, Admiral Herbert G. Hopwood Junior High School's Christine Beceril, Kennedy Vila

and John Oh received special recognition for their roles as defense attorneys; and Jayce Gilles, Coloma Castro, and Karen Ann Irinaka as witnesses for the defense.

The council extends a big thank you to the CNMI Judiciary and House of Justice team, teacher coaches, attorney coaches and volunteers who helped to make this year's event a success. (PR)



Admiral Herbert G. Hopwood Junior High School and Saipan Community School participants of last April 2's Junior High Mock Trial pose with Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph Camacho



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Chacha Ocean View Middle School and Tanapag Middle School participants of last April 2's Junior High Mock Trial pose with Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph Camacho.



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Tinian Junior Senior High School and Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja participants of last April 2's Junior High Mock Trial pose with CNMI Bar vice president Jennifer Dockter.



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Saipan International School and Admiral Herbert G. Hopwood Junior High School participants of last April 2's Junior High Mock Trial pose with Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph Camacho.

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### **Business**

## Yahoo's deterioration accelerates ahead of company's possible sale

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Yahoo may have hung out a "for sale" sign, but it hasn't done much to improve its curb appeal.

On Tuesday, the company posted a first quarter loss on a sharp drop in net revenue, a figure that subtracts ad commissions from total turnover. Yahoo's net revenue fell 18 percent from year-earlier period to \$859 million. It's the largest decline in Yahoo's quarterly net revenue since the company hired Marissa Mayer as its CEO nearly four years ago.

The company expects an even bigger net revenue drop of 20 percent in the quarter ending in June.

Yahoo lost \$99 million during the first quarter, compared to a \$21 million profit last year. A big chunk of the loss stemmed from the cost of



laying off about 1,000 workers during the quarter, a cut that chopped the company's workforce to 9,400 employees as of March.

That purge was part of a cost-cutting plan drawn up by Mayer that includes closing some of the unprofitable services started up under her reign

Investors, however, are much more focused on whether the company is going to sell the bulk of its operations or not. The Sunnyvale, California, company announced two months ago that it's considering the sale of part or all of its Internet business instead of sticking with Mayer's costcutting plan.

### Intel to cut 12,000 jobs as it confronts decline in PCs

### SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—

Intel is cutting 12,000 jobs—about 11 percent of its workforce—as it reorganizes to confront a decline in sales of personal computers.

The giant chipmaker made the announcement Tuesday as it reported lower-than-expected sales for the first quarter. This as industry analysts say an extended slide in global PC sales is showing no signs of leveling off.

Intel, which has long been the world's leading maker of PC chips, is now trying to expand into other types of

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computing

"It's time to make this transition," CEO Brian Krzanich told analysts. While calling the job cuts "difficult," he said they would help the company sharpen its focus in new areas.

The latest cuts follow an earlier reduction of about 5,000 jobs announced by Intel in 2014, and analysts say they may not be the last.

"These companies are so big that it takes time"—and sometimes multiple rounds of restructuring—to change direction, said Patrick Moorhead, a longtime industry expert at Moor Insights & Strategy.

Krzanich has been pushing Intel to change its focus from PCs to other computing segments that are growing and providing more profit. These include making microprocessors for "cloud computing" data centers, along with chips for Internet-connected gadgets, wearable devices and drones.

"We are evolving from a PC company to one that powers the cloud and billions of smart, connected computing devices," he said in a statement.

tions take longer," said Stephanie Ericksen, vice president of risk products at Visa. (AP)

### McDonald's testing bigger, smaller Big Macs

NEW YORK (AP)—Mc-Donald's is testing bigger and smaller versions of its Big Mac as the world's biggest hamburger chain pushes to revive its business. The company says it's testing a "Grand Mac" and "Mac Jr." in the central Ohio and the Dallas areas, and will see how they do before deciding on a national rollout. The Grand Mac is made with two one-sixthpound beef patties, which may be a way for the company to make its famous burger more substantial as burger competitors have made the regular Big Mac seem skimpy to some. It will sell for \$4.89. The Mac Jr. is basically a single-layer Big Mac, and McDonald's says it's "easier to eat on the go." That will sell for between \$2.39 and \$2.59.

#### Visa: new technology for chip cards to speed checkout times

Visa is upgrading its software to process chip-embedded credit and debit cards to function faster—addressing a source of grumbling from businesses and customers who are often forced to wait for transactions to go through. The company said Tuesday that its program—Quick Chip for EMV—will let customers dip and remove cards, usually in two seconds or less, without waiting for purchases to be finalized. Though the wait can be just seconds, in today's economy of swipes and scans, the cards have been a nuisance for high traffic retailers, for example, a coffee shop during the morning rush. "While chip cards have been adopted and generally accepted by customers, there have been some complaints the chip transac-

### Senate passes bill that would boost airport security

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate approved a bipartisan aviation policy bill Tuesday that would boost airport security, extend new protections to airline passengers and help speed the introduction of package-delivery drones. The bill, passed on a vote of 95-3, would also extend the Federal Aviation Administration's programs and powers through Oct. 1, 2017. That authority is due to expire July 15. "This legislation does more to enhance security against the threat of terrorism and help frustrated passengers than any proposal in recent history," said Sen. John Thune, R-S.D.,

the bill's chief sponsor.

### Nation

# Trump, Clinton win big in NY, push closer to nominations

NEW YORK (AP)—Frontrunners Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton swept to resounding victories in Tuesday's New York primary, with Trump bouncing back convincingly from a difficult stretch in his Republican campaign and Clinton pushing tantalizingly close to locking up the Democratic nomination.

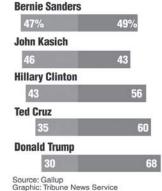
"The race for the nomination is in the home stretch, and victory is in sight," Clinton declared to cheering supporters.

Trump captured more than 50 percent of the vote in New York and was headed toward a big delegate haul in his home state, a commanding showing that keeps him on a path to the GOP nomination if he continues to win. He claimed at least 89 of the 95 delegates at stake Tuesday,

### Presidential candidates on the economy

How much confidence do you have in each to do or recommend the right thing for the economy?

Great deal / Only a little / Fair amount Almost none



with Ohio Gov. John Kasich winning at least three and

Texas Sen. Ted Cruz in danger of getting shut out.

A confident Trump insisted it was impossible for his rivals to catch him. Indeed, Cruz's poor showing in New York left him without any mathematical chance of clinching the nomination before the Republican convention in July, though Trump could still end up short of the needed 1,237 needed to seal victory before the gathering.

"We don't have much of a race anymore," Trump said during a victory rally in the lobby of the Manhattan tower bearing his name. He peppered his brash remarks with more references to the economy and other policy proposals than normal, reflecting the influence of a new team of advisers seeking to professionalize his campaign.

### Officials: 3 to be charged in Flint water crisis

LANSING, Mich. (AP)—Michigan's attorney general will announce criminal charges Wednesday against two state regulators and a Flint employee, alleging wrongdoing related to the city's lead-tainted water crisis, according to government officials familiar with the investigation.

The charges—the first levied in a probe that is expected to broaden—will be filed against a pair of state Department of Environmental Quality officials and a local water treatment plant supervisor, two officials told The Associ-

ated Press late Tuesday. They spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the investigation publicly.

The felony and misdemeanor charges include violating Michigan's drinking water law, official misconduct, destruction of utility property and evidence tampering, according to one official.

For nearly 18 months after Flint's water source was switched while the city was under state financial management, residents drank and bathed with improperly treated water that coursed through

aging pipes and fixtures, releasing toxic lead. Republican Gov. Rick Snyder announced in October that the city would return from the Flint River to its earlier source of treated water, the Detroit municipal system. But by that time, dangerously high levels of the toxic metal had been detected in the blood of some residents, including children, for whom it can cause lower IQs and behavioral problems.

The city has been under a state of emergency for more than four months, and people there are using filters and bottled water.

### ACROSS THE NATION

### Judge approves deal between Ferguson, Justice Department

ST. LOUIS (AP)—A federal judge approved an agreement Tuesday between Ferguson and the U.S. Justice Department that calls for sweeping changes in the Missouri city where 18-year-old Michael Brown was fatally shot by a police officer. U.S. District Judge Catherine Perry issued her ruling after a public hearing of several hours in St. Louis, where nearly three dozen people spoke, and many others had submitted written comments. Perry said the settlement is a "reasonable resolution" that avoids an extensive court battle. "I think it's in everyone's best interest and I think it's in the interest of justice," she said. The settlement calls for diversity training for police; the purchase of software and

the hiring of staff to analyze records on arrests, use of force and other police matters; outfitting all officers and jail workers with body cameras; the hiring of a team to monitor progress; significant municipal court reforms; and other changes.

### Court overturns Virginia school's transgender bathroom rule

RICHMOND, Va. (AP)—A Virginia high school discriminated against a transgender teen by forbidding him from using the boys' restroom, a federal appeals court ruled Tuesday in a case that could have implications for a North Carolina law that critics say discriminates against LGBT people. The case of Gavin Grimm has been especially closely watched since North Carolina enacted a law last

month that bans transgender people from using public restrooms that correspond to their gender identity. That law also bans cities from passing anti-discrimination ordinances, a response to an ordinance recently passed in Charlotte. In the Virginia case, a three-judge panel of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals—which also covers North Carolina—ruled 2-1 to overturn the Gloucester County School Board's policy. The court said the policy violated Title IX, the federal law that prohibits discrimination in schools. The ruling also said a federal judge who previously rejected Grimm's discrimination claim ignored a U.S. Department of Education rule that transgender students in public schools must be allowed to use restrooms that correspond with their gender identity.

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### Asia

### Cold rice balls, no flush toilets at quake-hit Japan shelter

#### MINAMIASO, (AP)—In this mountainous Japanese town known for its hot springs, prized beef and Jersey milk cows, more than 2,000 people have taken refuge from earthquakes at school gymnasiums and community centers, surviving on rock-hard biscuits,

cold rice balls and bread. There is no running water to bathe or flush toilets. Many elderly evacuees rest on futon mattresses they brought from home. The bedding covers the floor, and there is no privacy.

"Now I realize I haven't taken a bath since we came here," said Yachiyo Fuchigami, a 64-year-old woman in a hilltop gymnasium in the town of Minamiaso on the southern island of Kyushu.

She is among some 100,000 people who left their homes after two shuddering earthquakes on successive nights last week—late Thursday and early Saturday—knocked over hundreds of buildings and



A family have dinner at a parking lot where they shelter in the earthquake-hit Mashiki, Kumamoto prefecture, Japan Tuesday, April 19,

killed at least 45 people.

Even many whose houses are still standing are afraid to sleep inside because of aftershocks. Many are sleeping in buildings converted into temporary shelters or in their cars.

With water service cut off in many places and roads heavily damaged or blocked by landslides, authorities are struggling to cope with the stream of people seeking shelter.

The situation is particularly acute in Minamiaso, a town of 12,000 and hot spring resorts in small clusters of buildings scattered on mountainsides. The shortage of food, water and other necessities shows how easily remote Japanese villages can be cut off.

### Deadly attacks in Afghan capital show Taliban's strength

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)— A week after proclaiming their spring offensive, Taliban militants stormed an Afghan government security agency with a suicide car bomb and gunfire Tuesday, killing 28 people and wounding hundreds in a sign of the insurgency's continued strength—even in the capital.

The coordinated attack in central Kabul appeared to have targeted an agency that provides an elite security force for

high-ranking government officials, similar to the U.S. Secret Service.

The blast "was one of the most powerful explosions I have ever heard in my life," said police Cmdr. Obaidullah Tarakhail, who was nearby and couldn't see or hear anything for 20 minutes afterward.

"All around was dark and covered with thick smoke and dust," he said.

Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid claimed responsibility for the attack. On April 12, the insurgents announced the start of their warm weather fighting season, vowing to carry out large-scale attacks in the 15th year of their war against the U.S.-backed government.

The Taliban has remained resilient as the government struggles to confront the violence amid a bitter feud between President Ashraf Ghani and the country's chief executive, Abdullah Abdullah

### ASIAN BRIEFS

### Filipino presidential candidate apologizes over rape comment

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The front-runner in the Philippine presidential campaign has apologized for a remark he made about wanting to rape an Australian missionary who was assaulted and killed by prisoners in 1989. The comment by Mayor Rodrigo Duterte of southern Davao city sparked a storm of criticism ahead of the May 9 election. Duterte issued an apology Tuesday, saying "sometimes my mouth can get the better of me." He added that he had "no intention of disrespecting our women." Duterte said at a campaign stop last week that the victim, one of five missionaries killed during a hostagetaking at a prison, was "so beautiful," and as mayor he "should have been the first" to rape her. Rival candidates, the Australian ambassador and women's groups slammed Duterte for the remark.

### India says it won't try to reclaim crown jewel from Britain

**NEW DELHI** (AP)—India's government has told the Supreme Court that it won't request the return of the 106-carat Koh-i-Noor diamond, which is now part of the British crown jewels. In a surprise statement, India's solicitor general told the court on Monday that Britain shouldn't have

to give the diamond back. Ranjit Kumar said the diamond had been given freely to the British in the mid-19th century by the family of Punjab's Maharaja Ranjit Singh, and had been "neither stolen nor forcibly taken by British rulers." The court was hearing a petition filed by a rights group asking it to order the government to seek the return of the diamond.

#### **Priest deported to India is subject** of abuse lawsuit in US

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—A Catholic priest who was deported to his native India after completing his jail sentence in Minnesota for sexually abusing a child is the subject of a new lawsuit against a diocese in India that allegedly returned him to ministry with Vatican approval. Attorney Jeff Anderson filed the lawsuit in federal court in Minnesota on Monday on behalf of Megan Peterson, who says the Rev. Joseph Palanivel Jeyapaul abused her starting in 2004 when she was 14 or 15 and he was a priest at her church in the northern Minnesota town of Greenbush. Her lawsuit seeks unspecified damages in excess of \$75,000 from the Ootacamund Diocese in India's Tamil Nadu state. "This is not only shocking, it's a total break of the pledge Pope Francis has made that he will not return to the practices of the past," Anderson said.

### World

### Fighting in Syria intensifies as opposition digs in heels

**GENEVA** (AP)—Syria's top opposition leader vowed to fight "even with stones" to depose President Bashar Assad, shifting sharply to a tone of conflict over conciliation as peace talks in Geneva teetered near collapse Tuesday amid a new surge in fighting-including government airstrikes that left dozens dead.

Angry and defiant, Riad Hijab of the Western-backed Syrian High Negotiations Committee thundered home the opposition coalition's decision to walk back-if not entirely away-from U.N.-brokered peace talks in Geneva. He demanded more Security Council oversight of an increasingly wobbly cease-fire as Assad's troops battled rebel fighters in various parts of the country.

The calculated gamble to jeopardize what diplomats have called the best chance in years to bring a diplomatic end to Syria's five-year war came amid the opposition group's

growing frustration over unproductive peace talks and hundreds of government cease-fire violations in recent weeks.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights reported that at least 44 people-mostly civiliansdied in government airstrikes on opposition-held towns in northern Idlib province on Tuesday. Government warplanes also bombed areas in the central Homs and Hama provinces, activists said.

Salem Meslet, the High Negotiations Committee spokesman, said the deadly strikes validated the coalition's decision to suspend participation in the Geneva talks. Calling the strikes a "massacre of innocents," Meslet said that "Assad is telling the world he has no interest in diplomacy or peace."

The opposition coalition accuses the government of preparing an assault on the

city of Aleppo, ignoring its demands for the release of thousands of detainees, and rejecting or avoiding requests for U.N.-led humanitarian aid shipments in recent weeks. The opposition says those are signs of bad faith by Assad's side and accuses it of stalling for time in the Geneva talks.

"We cannot continue to be in discussions in Geneva when our people are dying of hunger and bombardments," Hijab told a news conference. "We will fight no matter the circumstances. We will fight even with stones, and will not surrender."

"There cannot be a political process that prolongs the life of this regime," he said. "For us, as of yesterday, we are out of the political process."

He demanded deployment of international monitors to inspect adherence to the ceasefire brokered by the U.S. and Russia in late February.

### Ecuador buries dead as hope for survivors fade

**MONTECRISTI, Ecuador** 

(AP)—Ecuadoreans began burying loved ones felled by the country's deadliest earthquake in decades, while hopes faded that more survivors will be found.

In the small town of Montecristi, near the port city of Manta, two children were among those buried Tuesday. They were killed with their mother while buying school supplies when the magnitude-7.8 quake struck Saturday night.

The funeral had to be held outside under a makeshift awning, because the town's Roman Catholic church was unsafe from structural damage. Family members wailed loudly and one man fainted as the children were laid to rest in an above-ground vault.

Scenes of mourning multiplied all along Ecuador's normally placid Pacific coastline, where the tremor flattened towns and killed hundreds. Funeral homes are running out of caskets to accommodate so many casualties, and local governments are paying to bring in caskets from other cities.

The government put the death toll at 507 late Tuesday, but officials expected more bodies to be found, with the Defense Department reporting 231 people still missing. The final toll could surpass casualties from earthquakes in Chile and Peru in the past decade. Among the dead were at least nine foreigners, including an American and two Canadians.

Even as grief mounted, there were glimmers of hope.

In several cities Tuesday rescuers with sniffer dogs, hydraulic jacks and special probes that can detect breathing from far away continued to search for survivors among the rubble. At least six were found in Manta early Tuesday.

One of the most-hopeful tales was that of Pablo Cordova, who held out for 36 hours beneath the rubble of the hotel where he worked in Portoviejo, drinking his own urine and praying that cellphone service would be restored before his phone battery died. He was finally able to call his wife Monday afternoon and was pulled from the wreckage soon after by a team of rescuers from Colombia

### Cuba's aging leaders to remain in power years longer

HAVANA (AP)—The former guerrilla fighters who for years to come after a twice-a-decade Communist Party congress kept President Raul Castro and his hardline deputy in the top leadership positions.

Fidel Castro, who held power for nearly five decades before ill health led him to make way for his brother, delivered a valedictory speech to the congress Tuesday and called on it to fight for his communist ideals despite the fact that he is nearing the end of his life.

"I'll be 90 years old soon," founded Cuba's single-party Castro said in his most extengovernment will hold power sive public appearance in years. "Soon I'll be like all the others. The time will come for all of us, but the ideas of the Cuban Communists will remain as proof on this planet that if they are worked at with fervor and dignity, they can produce the material and cultural goods that human beings need, and we need to fight without a truce to obtain them."

Raul Castro, 84, said he would remain the party's first secretary and Jose Ramon

Machado Ventura, 85, would hold the post of second secretary for at least part of a second five-year term.

Castro currently is both president and party first secretary. The decision means he could hold a Communist Party position at least as powerful as the presidency even after he is presumably replaced by a younger president in 2018. Castro indicated that he and Machado may also step down before the next congress in 2021, saying this year's session was the last to be led by Cuba's revolutionary generation.

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By HAL BERNTON

**ONG** BEACH, Wash.—Several times each week, Russ Lewis and a few friends pick up litter that washes ashore on a 7-mile stretch of ocean shoreline, and most of it is plastics of one kind of another.

Some of the stuff, such as the strapping akin to what Northwest crabbers use to wrap around bait - most likely comes from close by.

Other items, such as a mannequin head with Japanese writing — are presumed to be part of the detritus from the March 2011 Japanese tsunami that continues to wash ashore in the Pacific Northwest.

"Sometimes the truck looks like a covered wagon, it is so loaded down with trash," said Lewis, a retired federal worker who lives in Ocean Park.

Plastics are one of the most ubiquitous products of the petrochemical industry. One study estimates the oceans receive nearly 6 million to almost 13 million metric tons of plastics each year. This debris takes a huge toll on birds, fish, marine mammals and other sea life, either through entanglement or ingestion of degraded bits and pieces.

"It really is a systemic threat to the health of the ocean itself," said Kathryn Sullivan, administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, who visited Long Beach last week to help mark the 10th anniversary of an agency program that works to combat marine debris.

"If we open the stomachs of dead and stranded mammals and seabirds, we are finding increasing amounts of marine debris — plastics, Styrofoam, beads and such — in their guts. That's like a slow poisoning from within," Sullivan said.

Washington shorelines are a major collection point for marine debris and are the focal point of the annual coast cleanup April 23 at more than 50 beaches on the outer coast and Strait of Juan de Fuca.

"This winter storms we know brought in a lot of debris," said John Schmidt, Washington Coast Savers coordinator for the cleanup. "We had 1,500 volunteers last year, and we encourage folks to register so we know how many to plan for."

Plastics dominate the human-generated trash strewn along Washington's coasts. One two-year survey of 17 coastal sites found that plastics formed 92 percent of marine debris, according to Liam Antrim, a researcher at the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary, who presented his findings last week in Long Beach.

Some of this debris comes from regional sources, such as trash washed out to sea by the Columbia or other rivers, or gear lost from coastal fishing boats or oyster farms.

Other debris spins off from a massive collection point a gyre — that circles about in the North Pacific. Though it is sometimes called the garbage patch, NOAA researchers say this gathering zone is largely made up of smaller pieces of plastic, which may lie below the surface and are not easily seen from the side of a boat.

Some of this material consists of microplastics beads, fibers and pellets used in manufacturing or degraded from larger chunks. These have been found in the stomachs of marine life ranging from plankton to whales, and NOAA reports that researchers are studying how they may move through the food chain.

Marine debris from the Japanese tsunami also gets caught in the gyre, and some of that material continues — a halfdecade later — to make its way to Washington's coasts.

Lewis, a beachcomber who in 2012 decided to focus on beach cleanups, has been monitoring the flow of suspected tsunami debris, such as chunks of foam housing insulation and plastic bottles, and totes with Japanese writing.

Lewis and his team annually haul away about 10 tons of debris from the beaches, and he estimates that about half is suspected Japanese debris. He said most of what arrives now is slower-moving debris below the water line and thus unlike high-riding buoys didn't get a boost from prevailing winds.

The tsunami debris also has proved to be a surprisingly capable transporter of coastal species from one continent to another. More

than 350 Japanese species have been identified on objects that washed ashore in Hawaii or on the North American Pacific Coast. About 100 of those species were found in Washington.

They include fish, mollusks, algae and many other forms of sea life, according to Allen Pleus, who leads an aquatic invasive species program for the state Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Some of these Japanese species arrived on two concrete docks swept away from the port of Misawa.

Others species were found attached to — or in — Japanese boats, largely made from Russ Lewis, a Southwest Washington retiree, participates in frequent cleanups off a 7-mile long stretch of the Long Beach coastline. Since starting in June 2012, he has logged more than 700 cleanup days and says roughly half the debris coming ashore continues to be the type of materials unleashed by the 2011 Japanese



Blocks of blue foam are embedded in the sand at Long Beach in Southwest Washington. The 2016 Washington Coast Cleanup is scheduled for April 23.

fiberglass, that came ashore.

So far there 65 of these boat and boat pieces have been found on the coastlines of Hawaii and North America. Twenty-five of those came ashore in Washington, including a 16foot fiberglass skiff found just last month south of Kalaloch Beach, with registration numbers now being checked by the Japanese consulate.

The number of Japanese species found on this debris varies greatly.

"It is very strange," Pleus said. "Sometimes it comes in, and you find only a handful. And sometimes it comes in and looks like Noah's Ark."

Some experts worry that newly introduced species could establish themselves in the Northwest and eventually harm native Northwest species.

"We don't know, and we're not looking very closely," Pleus said. "The resources that we have now are very limited."

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### Life & Style

### Dancing to the top of television ratings

**NEW YORK** (AP)—A night of Disney tunes led ABC's "Dancing With the Stars" to the largest audience of its current season and to the top of the television rankings.

The Nielsen company said an estimated 12.5 million people watched "Dancing," which featured the contestants showing their steps to songs made famous by ABC's parent company. Light fare dominated the top of Nielsen's charts, with NBC's "The Voice" and "Little Big Shots" also scoring well.

Some of CBS' most popular series—"NCIS," "The Big Bang Theory" and "NCIS: New Orleans"-showed repeat episodes, shuffling the rankings.

Still, CBS' bench strength enabled it to win the week. averaging 7.5 million viewers in prime time. NBC had 5.7 million and ABC had 5.4 million, while winning among the most valuable youthful demographic. Fox had 3.2 million viewers, Univision had 1.9 million, Telemundo had 1.29 million, ION Television had 1.27 million and the CW had 1.1 million.

Fox News Channel was the week's most popular cable network, averaging 2.15 million viewers in prime time. CNN had 1.66 million, USA



In this April 11, 2016 image released by ABC, dancer Valentin Chmerkovskiy, left, and Ginger Zee compete on the celebrity dance competition series, "Dancing with the Stars," in Los Angeles.

had 1.61 million, HGTV had Tonight" was second with 8 1.46 million and TBS had 1.37 million.

NBC's "Nightly News" topped the evening newscasts with an average of 8.3 million viewers. ABC's "World News million and the "CBS Evening News" had 6.8 million viewers.

For the week of April 11-17, the top 10 shows, their networks and viewerships: "Dancing With the Stars,"

ABC, 12.51 million; "The Voice" (Tuesday), NBC, 10.81 million; "Little Big Shots," NBC, 10.66 million; "60 Minutes," CBS, 10.45 million; "The Voice" (Monday), NBC, 10.41 million; "Blue

Bloods," CBS, 10.41 million; "Empire," Fox, 10.11 million; "NCIS," CBS, 9.99 million; "Madam Secretary," CBS, 9.57 million. "NCIS: New Orleans" (Tuesday, 8 p.m.), CBS, 9.05 million.

# Nielsen's top programs for April 11-17

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- 12. "The Voice" (Wednesday), NBC, 8.88 million.
- 13. "Criminal Minds," CBS, 8.82 million.
- 14. "The Big Bang Theory," CBS, 8.62 million.
- 15. **"Scorpion,"** CBS, 8.6 million.
- 16. "The Good Wife," CBS, 8.55 million.
- 17. "Hawaii Five-O," CBS, 8.42 million.
- 18. **"Survivor,"** CBS, 8.4 million.
- 19. "NCIS: Los Angeles," CBS, 8.24 million.
- 20. "Grey's Anatomy," ABC, 7.97 million.

### Tribeca doc'The Last Laugh'surveys h umor and the Holocaust



This image released by the Tribeca Film Festival shows Mel Brooks The Last Laugh humor and the holocaust, being shown at the Tribeca Film Festival.

NEW YORK (AP)—"Do you have a Holocaust joke?"

That was director Ferne Pearlstein's first, ice-breaking question when she sat down to interview comedians for "The Last Laugh," her documentary about taboos and comedy, particularly in regard to the Holocaust.

Gilbert Gottfried, master of the over-the-top punchline, didn't miss a beat.

"There was a Holocaust?!" he replied. "Nobody told me!"

"The Last Laugh," which premiered this week at the Tribeca Film Festival, pokes and prods at the question of "Where's the line?" in comedy, teasing out comedy's cathartic, healing role in even the worst tragedies. It's a debate with many differing perspectives, even in the comedy community where stand-ups are often taken to task for "going too far" or "too soon."

Pearlstein's film doesn't

only examine the issue from those with a microphone, but through Holocaust survivors who add a deeper dimension to the film: humor as a necessary survival tool. Some, like 91-year-old Auschwitz survivor Renee Firestone, frankly confess that among themselves, survivors, too, tell jokes about life in the camps.

"Humor kept me going after the Holocaust," Firestone said in an interview alongside Pearlstein and her co-writer and husband Robert Edwards. "Without humor I don't think I would have lived this long."

By seeking humor in the darkest dark, "The Last Laugh" gets at the intrinsic nature of comedy.

"Comedy puts light onto darkness, and darkness can't live where there's light," Sarah Silverman says in the documentary. "So that's why it's important to talk about things that are taboo because otherwise they just stay in this dark place and they become dangerous."

But there is discord even within many of the comics in the film. (Among them are Mel Brooks, Carl Reiner, Rob

Reiner, Larry Charles and Susie Essman.) Brooks, creator of the Hitler-skewering "The Producers," acknowledges he can do Nazi jokes, but not Holocaust jokes. When he reflects on Silverman's introduction of him for a 2014 AFI lifetime award, he cringes at her joke: "What do the Jews hate most about the Holocaust? The cost."

### Cosby's wife finishes deposition in defamation lawsuit

BOSTON (AP))—Bill Cosby's wife on Tuesday completed her deposition in a defamation lawsuit filed by seven women who contend the comedian branded them as liars after they went public with sexual assault allegations against him.

Camille Cosby answered questions under oath for about 5 1/2 hours, according to Joe Cammarata, a lawyer for the women. Cammarata wouldn't discuss specifics of questions he asked during the civil deposition in Boston.

"We accomplished what we needed to accomplish," he said.

Camille Cosby's attorneys said in a statement that she has "no relevant non-privileged information" and that they were "thankful for this distraction to now be over."

Cosby's wife of 52 years had sought to terminate or limit her deposition. Her lawyers said the women's lawyer asked "outrageous questions" about personal topics during the first day of the deposition in February.

They said Cammarata questioned Camille Cosby about her sexual relations and her opinion of the honesty



This Oct. 26, 2009 file photo, comedian Bill Cosby, left, and his wife Camille appear at the John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts before Bill Cosby received the Mark Twain Prize for American Humor in Washington.

### Michael Strahan leaving daytime's 'Live' for 'GMA'

### Actor helps dedicate Tom Hanks motion pictures center

DAYTON, Ohio (AP)— Actor and filmmaker Tom Hanks proves again he excels at taking directions.

Hank wielded oversized scissors Tuesday and, on a count of three, led a ribboncutting ceremony for a newly renovated motion pictures center named for him at Wright State University in Ohio.

It doesn't matter where a student goes to college, Hanks said, adding, "It matters how hard you work. I hope this building spurs the students who come here."

Hanks said that when he was a teenager, he couldn't have gotten into the university. He joked about his performance on the SATs, asking his audience to guess what he got on the tests. His answer? "Spilled Coca-Cola."

The Oscar-winning star

isn't an alumnus, but has connections with teachers and alumni of the public school.

Hanks is national co-chair of a \$150 million fundraising campaign for the university, along with Amanda Wright Lane, great-grandniece of aviation pioneers Wilbur and Orville Wright.

Hanks planned to attend a fundraising gala and talk with theater, dance and motion picture students during his Tuesday visit.

Historian David Cullough also visited the campus Tuesday and conducted a master class with WSU students. The two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning historian is collaborating with Hanks on an HBO miniseries based on McCullough's latest book, "The Wright Brothers."



Actor Tom Hanks holds up a pair of giant scissors at a cutting ceremony for the new Tom Hanks Center for Motion Pictures at Wright State University in Fairborn, Ohio, on Tuesday, April 19,

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Former football star Michael Strahan is being shifted from the daily talk show he co-hosts with Kelly Ripa to work full-time on ABC's "Good Morning America."

The change comes as "Good Morning America" tries to shore up sinking ratings at a time of tighter competition with NBC's "Today" show and reflects the importance of the show to parent Walt Disney Co.'s bottom line.

Strahan has worked a couple of days a week at "GMA" for the past two years, but he always has to leave midway through to head to the "Live with Kelly and Michael" studio on Manhattan's upper West Side. He's joining the show's regular cast of Robin Roberts, George Stephanopoulos, Lara Spencer, Amy Robach and Ginger Zee.



Starting in September, he'll be there five days a week for the full two-hour show.

The former New York Giant was selected in 2012 to replace Regis Philbin as Ripa's co-host on the talk show, which airs directly after "Good Morning America" at 9

a.m. in most markets.

"Michael's proven to be a tireless and versatile broadcaster with an incredible ability to connect with people, from veterans and all kinds of newsmakers to a host of American cultural icons," said ABC News

In this April 14, 2016 file photo, Michael Strahan attends IWC's "For the Love of Cinema" event during the 2016 Tribeca Film Festival in New York.

President James Goldston. "He is a great modern thinker and leader."

"Good Morning America" remains television's most popular morning show, averaging 4.96 million viewers a day since the beginning of the year. But that audience is down 10 percent from 2015, according to the Nielsen com-

More importantly, "GMA" is down 15 percent among viewers aged 25-to-54, and that's the demographic that most advertising rates for news programs are based upon. NBC now leads ABC in this category for 2016.

### Comedian Tracy Morgan scraps planned Mississippi performance

TUNICA, Miss. (AP)—Comedian and actor Tracy Morgan has scrapped a scheduled April 29 performance in Mississippi, citing its contested religious-objections bill for his decision.

The Horseshoe Tunica Hotel & Casino on Tuesday confirmed the cancellation, saying ticket holders would be refunded.

Mississippi's incoming law would allow certain workers, including some in private businesses, to cite religious beliefs to deny services to gay lesbian, bisexual and transgender people. It takes effect July 1.

In a statement, Tracy Morgan said he didn't make the decision lightly. He says he looks forward to rescheduling in the region should the measure be "either repealed or



In this March 30, 2016 file photo, Tracy Morgan attends FX Networks upfront premiere of 'The People v. O.J. Simpson: American Crime Story" at the AMC Empire 25, in New York.

heavily amended."

Several states and cities have banned official travel to Mississippi over the bill. Rock singer Bryan Adams canceled a recently planned appearance in Biloxi over it.

### AC/DC's Brian Johnson says he's not retiring

NASHVILLE, (AP)—AC/DC singer Brian Johnson says he's not retiring from music after doctors told him that he risks substantial hearing loss if he continues to perform in large arenas and stadiums.

Johnson said in a statement released through his publicist on Tuesday that he intends to continue to record in studios and will continue treatment to improve his hearing. The "Back in Black" singer will be replaced by Guns N' Roses singer Axl Rose for the Rock or Bust World Tour beginning May 7 in Lisbon.

### Baby's godmother is cut off for life after simple hello

EAR ABBY: When my friend became pregnant, her boyfriend didn't stick around to be in the baby's life. The three of us had gone to school together, and they started dating years later. When she asked me to be the child's godmother, I said yes. The baby is 5 months old now.

While I was out at a bar recently, I ran into the boyfriend. My friend is now mad at me because I said hello to him. She thinks I should have ignored him, given him a dirty look or had words with him in public, but that's not me.

She's now saying she never wants to talk to me or see me again. She told me to have a good life! I know she's bitter, but I feel that was a little extreme. What should I do?

CONFUSED GODMOTHER

DEAR CONFUSED: Frankly, I think you should take this vindictive individual at her word until she apologizes. If you do as I suggest, there will be far less turmoil and drama in your life.

**DEAR ABBY:** My girlfriend and I each own our homes and have about the same mortgage payment. She ends up staying with me most of the time because I live closer to where we both work.

I recently found out that she has been Airbnbing her condo a lot of the weekends when she stays with me. I feel taken advantage of even though it doesn't really affect me whether her place is empty or she's getting rent.

What is the etiquette on such an arrangement? Should I be getting a cut? I feel if I told her I wanted to stay at her place and rent out mine, she would want some of the money.

WEEKEND ROOMIES

DEAR WEEKEND ROOMIES: There is no rule of etiquette governing whether you're entitled to some of the income she receives from renting out her place while she's visiting you. Discuss this with your entrepreneurial girlfriend rift because one of the worst offenders is the principal. Any and see how she feels about sharing the wealth. Her reaction will give insight into her character.

DEAR ABBY: I am an elementary school teacher, and I have noticed that many of my colleagues come to work when they're sick. Taking time away from work to recover from an illness seems to be viewed as weakness. We have sick days, but they are proud of the fact that they don't use them.

These coworkers wear their illnesses like badges of honor -as if coming to work sick somehow shows their dedication. I feel it is inconsiderate to the children and to other staff members who are forced to spend hours with them in enclosed spaces exposed to their germs.

I'm not sure how to express my feelings without causing a

### DEAR ABBY

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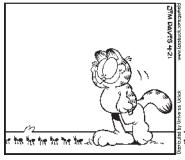
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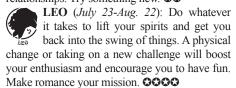
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By Dave Green

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### Spurs cruise past Grizzlies, take 2-0 lead



Twelve years to the day after holding Memphis to franchise lows in total points and points in a quarter, San Antonio put another stranglehold on the Grizzlies.

Patty Mills had 16 points, Kawhi Leonard added 13 and San Antonio never trailed in beating Memphis 94-68 on Tuesday night to sweep the first two games of the firstround series in imposing fashion.

The Grizzlies' lowest postseason production came two days after they suffered their largest postseason defeat.

"We're coming to a gunfight with some spoons," Memphis forward Matt Barnes said. "We've got to do something to try to switch this up at home next game."

If history and the Grizzlies' current state are any indication, Memphis' prospects don't look good heading into a home game Friday night.

The Spurs first established those dubious records against the Grizzlies on April 19, 2004, on their way to a sweep of their first-round series.

Don't expect San Antonio to relax following 30 and 26-point victories. Not with Spurs coach Gregg Popovich telling his team to play with some pride during a timeout of a game they led by 29 points.

"You've got to fight," Leon-

ard said. "We've got to still execute. (We) turned over the ball a lot today. They were physical. They've got hands, but there's still opportunity for us to improve. They're still an NBA team."

LaMarcus Aldridge had 10 points and eight rebounds in 26 minutes. Aldridge sat out the entire fourth quarter along with Leonard and Tony Parker while Tim Duncan and Danny Green made brief appearances

Tony Allen led Memphis with 12 points and Zach Randolph had 11 points and 12 rebounds.

After matching a franchise low with a 13-point first quarter in Game 1, the Grizzlies lowered that mark by tying a franchise low for any quarter with 11 points in Tuesday's opening period.

"I think bringing that energy and effort that's one thing that we try to do," Mills said.

The Grizzlies continued to struggle to find consistency on offense without injured starters Marc Gasol and Mike Conley.

Memphis took 20 more shots than San Antonio in falling behind 2-0.

"It doesn't matter where we play, we've just got to play better," Barnes said. "We can play here, we can play at the YMCA, we can play in Memphis; it doesn't matter where we play at if we play the way we've been playing the court doesn't matter. It's on the players we've got to do a better job executing."

Randolph's struggles con-



San Antonio Spurs forward Kawhi Leonard (2) scores over Memphis Grizzlies forward Chris Andersen (7) during the first half in Game 2 of a first-round NBA basketball playoff series, Tuesday, April 19, 2016, in San Antonio.

tinued after he was held to six points in the opener. He opened the game shooting 1 for 5 and Aldridge hit two mid-range jumpers against

"I just think LaMarcus played excellent defense tonight," Popovich said. "We didn't double-team (Randolph) or anything like that. If he got in the lane, we tried

to make a play I guess, but mostly L.A. gets the credit for doing a fine job on a great player."

### Hawks 89, Celtics 72

In Atlanta, talk about a short memory. Kyle Korver came out shooting, and this time he couldn't miss.

The Boston Celtics? They couldn't make anything.

Shaking off a dismal performance in the playoff opener, Korver swished four 3-pointers in the opening minutes to propel Atlanta to a stunning 21-point lead before many

fans had settled into their seats Tuesday night. There wasn't much doubt after that, the Hawks cruising to an 89-72 victory and a 2-0 lead in the Eastern Conference series.

"We all have pride, right?" said Korver, who went 1 of 10 on Saturday and missed all seven of his 3-point attempts. "I wanted to come out and play better the second game."

As good as Korver and the Hawks were in the early going, this one will be remembered more for the Celtics' grisly start. They scored just seven points over the first 12 minutes, the lowest-scoring opening quarter in a playoff game since the NBA went to a shot clock in 1954.

"I don't know what it is," said Boston's Jae Crowder, looking a bit shell-shocked after scoring just two points on 1-of-9 shooting, "but we've got to change something."

Crowder had plenty of company in his shooting misery.

Boston star Isaiah Thomas was held to 16 points on 4-of-15 shooting, going 1 of 6 beyond the arc. Marcus Smart stepped in for the injured Avery Bradley and went 1 of 11, also making just 1 of 6 from 3-point range. The Celtics finished at 32 percent overall (28 of 88), 5 of 28 from long range.

The first quarter was offthe-charts bad. Boston made just 3 of 23 shots and missed all six of its 3-point attempts. The Hawks made things especially tough on the undersized Celtics from close in, blocking six shots.

According to STATS, the previous record for fewest points in an opening playoff quarter during the shot-clock era was eight, set by Utah in 1988 against the Los Angeles Lakers and matched by Dallas in 2010 at San Antonio.

It was also Boston's lowestscoring playoff quarter—any quarter—since the NBA was founded in 1949.

### Curry undergoes MRI exam on injured right ankle, no concerns

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)— Stephen Curry's troublesome right ankle has no serious structural damage.

The reigning NBA MVP underwent an MRI exam on his injured right ankle Tuesday in the Bay Area, and the Golden State Warriors said nothing of concern came up on the test. Curry remained questionable for Game 3 of his team's playoff series on Thursday in Houston.

Curry missed Monday 115-106 victory night's against the Rockets at Oracle Arena after cutting short his warmup routine because his troublesome ankle was tender. He will continue to undergo treatment for the injury ahead of Thursday, and coach Steve Kerr mentioned there is ample time for Curry to try to get healthy and stay off his feet.

"We'll see how he responds the next couple of days, and if he's not right obviously being up 2-0 does give us more cushion if we decide to sit him," Kerr said after Monday's game. "But it will be based on his health, not the series score. It's really what the training staff says and what Steph says about how he's feeling.'

Top-seeded Golden State leads the best-of-seven series 2-0 as it shifts to Houston for the next two matchups. The Warriors had the day off from practice Tuesday ahead of their flight to Houston on Wednesday.

The news about Curry's MRI was huge given the superstar point guard had two surgeries on that ankle in 2011-12. He averaged a league-leading 30.1 points per game this season and does so many other things to make his teammates better and set them

"When Steph goes down, that's obviously not easy to replace, so not one guy's going to come out and do what Steph does for this team," Draymond Green said. "Even if a guy comes out and gets 30, he's still not going to do what or bring what Steph brings to this team. He draws so much attention that he gets other people shots as well. ... I think we're the deepest team in the NBA."

Shaun Livingston contributed 16 points and six assists playing in Curry's place, while Klay Thompson had 34 points and five assists. Andre Iguodala, last year's Finals MVP, added 18 points with four 3-pointers and Green had 12 points, 14 rebounds and eight assists.

Yes, a couple of players even referenced that catch phrase "Strength In Numbers" that blares on those bright yellow T-shirts throughout Oracle Arena.

### Kings to interview Del Negro, Jackson, Mitchell

sive experience in the head

The Kings plan to interview Vinny Del Negro, Mark Jackson and Sam Mitchell in the first wave as they look for a replacement for the fired George Karl, three people with knowledge of the process tell The Associated Press on Tuesday night. ESPN first reported the Kings' plans.

Owner Vivek Ranadive and GM Vlade Divac are expected to conduct a long,

The Sacramento Kings are head coach featuring numerstarting the search for yet an- ous candidates of varying ex- in five seasons. He was fired other head coach with three perience levels. It's all in an in 2013 after his third season at one of the most important positions in the franchise, something that has eluded Ranadive in his ownership tenure

Since taking over in 2014, Ranadive has employed Michael Malone, Tyrone Corbin and Karl. The relationship with Karl was rocky from the start and drama engulfed the organization for most of the season.

Del Negro coached the Chicago Bulls and Los Ange-

**SACRAMENTO** (AP)— exhaustive search for the next—les Clippers, going 210-184 with four trips to the playoffs effort to find a stable solution with the Clippers ended with a first-round playoff exit.

> Jackson is a member of ESPN's top NBA broadcasting crew with Mike Breen and Jeff Van Gundy. He coached the Golden State Warriors for three seasons before being fired in 2014. Jackson's exit from Golden State was messy amid a clash with management, but he is credited with help laying the foundation for the team that won the championship last season

under Steve Kerr and won a league record 73 games in the regular season.

Jackson spent Tuesday in Minnesota interviewing for the Timberwolves coaching job after the Wolves interviewed Van Gundy and Tom Thibodeau in previous days.

Mitchell is a former coach of the year with the Toronto Raptors and spent last season as the interim coach in Minnesota after Flip Saunders died just days before the season started. Mitchell led the Wolves to 29 wins, 13 more than in 2014-15.

Karl led Sacramento to a 33-49 record this season.

### Sports federations concerned about venues for Rio Games

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP)—International sports federations expressed concern Tuesday over problems with venues for the Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, including power failures at the gymnastics arena this week.

Two top International Olympic Committee officials, meanwhile, will be dispatched to Rio for frequent visits to monitor the final preparations for South America's first games.

Members of the Association of Olympic International Sports Federations reviewed the status of the Rio Games, which open in less than four months on Aug. 5.

"They miss some very important details in each field of play," ASOIF President Francesco Ricci Bitti said at the group's annual meeting during the SportAccord conference in Lausanne.

Ricci Bitti told delegates that IOC President Thomas Bach "is worried like you, like me" about details for Rio.

Rio's sports director acknowledged to the 28 Olympic sports that the city's sevenyear preparations "were not perfect or up to your expectations" but said the games would be a success.

"I can assure you that the athletes will not have any problems in games time, nor any of you in your events," Agberto Guimaraes said.



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The comments followed complaints raised by the gymnastics federation, known as FIG, which is holding its artistic gymnastics test event at Rio Olympic Arena this week.

FIG official Ron Froehlich cited power outages lasting from 15 to 90 minutes, putting at risk athletes' safety and the scoring system, plus missing equipment at an underfunded temporary training venue.

"Most important, they have problems with regard to the Omega (scoring) system," Froehlich said. "Furthermore, power outages while the athletes were performing, which is a very serious issue."

The absence of flooring at

a temporary training center venue was "due to lack of funding," he said.

Earlier, ASOIF director general Andrew Ryan disclosed that two senior IOC officials will travel to Rio soon to work more closely on preparations.

Christophe Dubi, the Olympic Games executive director,

and sports director Kit McConnell are "moving permanently" to the host city, Ryan said.

The IOC said Dubi and Mc-Connell would spend

more time in Rio but would not live there full time. Dubi's predecessor, Gilbert Felli, was assigned to work there with local organizers two years ago amid growing concerns about Rio's

readiness.

In a later speech to SportAccord delegates, Bach thanked

Olympic sports bodies for supporting Rio organizers, "even in challenging circumstances" in Brazil.

"If everyone plays their part and continues to show this kind of solidarity I am confident these games will be a great success," Bach said. "We are all in this together."

Guimaraes also addressed longstanding problems of water pollution and "floating garbage" in Rio, and the possibility of officials' accommodation - including a Trump hotel - not being ready, before

This June 27, 2014 file photo, shows the Olympic Arena, top, and the Maria Lenk Aquatics Center under construction in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

giving further assurances.

"The athletes will be happy with the results they we have achieved," he said. "You and your federations will be happy with the level of service that we will provide to you."

Rio organizing committee head Carlos Nuzman said the impeachment process against Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff would not affect the final preparations.

"Until today we have no involvement, no problems with any political or economic situation in the country," Nuzman said.

The ASOIF meeting was the last formal gathering of sports federations before they gather in Rio.

After a year of scandals damaging FIFA and the IAAF, whose former presidents and top officials are under criminal investigation, the meeting agreed to a project assessing members' standards of good governance.

During the debate, International Handball Federation president Hassan Moustafa of Egypt reacted angrily to what he said was a disrespectful tone, insisting: "We are not criminals."

### Harper hits slam, Nats club 4 HRs in 7th to beat Marlins



MIAMI (AP)—The game was

scoreless until the seventh inning, and runs then came so quickly for the Washington Nationals that Bryce Harper lost count. And he drove in most of them.

Harper hit a grand slam, one of four home runs in a sevenrun seventh for the Nationals, who beat the Miami Marlins 7-0 Tuesday.

Four homers in an inning was a Nationals record, and a record for Marlins pitchers.

"Everybody got together and started rolling," Harper said. "Scoring those seven runs or whatever we did in the seventh—I don't know how many we had -- yeah, seven -- brought a little calm over the dugout and let us breathe a little bit."

Stephen Strasburg (3-0) struck out 10 while pitching three-hit ball for eight innings. He was locked in a pitching duel against Adam Conley until Jayson Werth hit his 200th career homer with one out in the seventh.

Wilson Ramos homered on the next pitch, and after Washington loaded the bases, Harper hit his seventh homer off left-hander Chris Narveson.

"I was trying to go deep,"
Harper said. "I got a good pitch to drive and did my job."

Ryan Zimmerman followed with a solo homer, his first.

Harper has homered in five of the past six games, and has 20 RBI.

### Rays 3, Red Sox O

In Boston, Drew Smyly and the Rays bullpen held the Red Sox to one hit, Kevin Kiermaier hit a solo home run in the 10th and Tampa Bay beat Boston on Tuesday night for its third straight win.

Smyly allowed one hit over eight innings and struck out 11 for the second straight start.

Smyly was in a pitching duel with Boston's bullpen after starter Joe Kelly left in the first inning with stiffness in his right shoulder. The Red Sox used six relievers, and the first four preserved the shutout until Matt Barnes (1-1) faced Kiermaier to lead off the 10th.

Jackie Bradley Jr. had Boston's hit, a single to center in the third.

### Reds 4, Rockies 3

In Cincinnati, Jay Bruce had

two of the Reds' five steals in the second inning off Jorge De La Rosa—their biggest inning on the bases in roughly a century -- and Cincinnati held on to beat Colorado.

Brandon Phillips had four hits, and Billy Hamilton doubled home a pair of runs during Cincinnati's four-run second inning off De La Rosa (1-2).

### Cubs 2, Cardinals 1

In St. Louis, Jason Hammel worked six sharp innings and had both RBI for Chicago in a victory over St. Louis.

The Cardinals stranded two runners against the Cubs bullpen in the seventh and eighth. Yadier Molina was at second base when Hector Rondon struck out pinch hitter Jedd Gyorko to earn his third save in three chances.

### Athletics 3, Yankees 2, 11 innings

In New York, Jed Lowrie tied his career high with four hits, doubling in the 11th inning and scoring the go-ahead run on Mark Canha's single to lead Oakland over New York.

After two more scoreless innings from the Yankees' dynamic duo of Dellin Betances

and Andrew Miller, rookie
Johnny Barbato (1-1) pitched
a perfect 10th.

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Desmond had his first twohit game with Texas and the

### Royals 8, Tigers 6

In Kansas City, Salvador Perez hit a three-run homer and had a career-high five RBI, Yordano Ventura twice escaped bases-loaded jams and Kansas City held on to beat Detroit.

The Tigers cut a six-run deficit in half when Jarrod Saltalamacchia homered for the third straight game in the seventh inning. Then they loaded the bases with one out against Joakim Soria in the eighth, but Kelvin Herrera retired Miguel Cabrera and J.D. Martinez around a hit batter to limit the damage.

### Mets 11, Phillies 1

In Philadelphia, Neil Walker hit two of the Mets' six home runs, Logan Verrett tossed six scoreless innings and New York beat Philadelphia.

Michael Conforto, Yoenis Cespedes, Lucas Duda and Curtis Granderson also went deep to lead the Mets to their third straight win.

### Rangers 7, Astros 5

In Arlington, Prince Fielder

hit a towering home run, Ian Desmond had his first two-hit game with Texas and the Rangers beat Houston in the first meeting of 2016 between the AL West playoff teams from last season.

Fielder pulled a ball deep into the right-field seats for a two-run homer in the first, and Desmond had an RBI single later in the inning for a 3-0 lead

### Blue Jays 4, Orioles 3

In Baltimore, Marcus Stroman allowed three runs in seven innings, Troy Tulowitzki drove in two runs and Toronto beat Baltimore.

Jose Bautista had two hits and an RBI for the Blue Jays, who have won three straight to move over .500 (8-7) for the first time since April 5.

### White Sox 5, Angels 0

In Chicago, Mat Latos didn't allow a hit until the fifth inning, Todd Frazier and Jose Abreu hit solo home runs and Chicago beat Los Angeles to snap a three-game losing streak.

Latos (3-0) allowed two hits over 6 1/3 innings and lowered his ERA to 0.49 through three starts.

### **Indians 3, Mariners 2**

In Cleveland, Carlos Carrasco allowed a run in 6 1/3 innings, Francisco Lindor had three hits and Cleveland beat Seattle.

Carrasco (2-0) came up limping after covering first base during the third inning but powered through 103 pitches. He allowed four hits and three walks while striking out five.

### **Braves 8, Dodgers 1**

In Atlanta, Tyler Flowers went 4 for 4 and drove in three runs, Mallex Smith had three RBI and Atlanta beat Los Angeles.

The Braves have won four straight after beginning the season 0-9.

### **Brewers 6, Twins 5**

In Minneapolis, Scooter Gennett hit a tiebreaking single in the ninth inning and Milwaukee ended Minnesota's fourgame winning streak.

Moments after the Brewers gave up a three-run lead in the eighth, Yadiel Rivera led off the ninth with a double against Kevin Jepsen (0-3) and got to third on an error by center fielder Byron Buxton. Gennett followed with his second hit of the game to help the Brewers snap a three-game skid.



hundred Four sixty-two competitors from eight countries earned

the bragging rights as "finishers" in Saturday's 11th Saipan Marathon, according to the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA).

The race attracted 43 runners for the grueling 50K course, 93 for the marathon, 166 for the half marathon, and 228 for the 10K. Majority of the competitors were from Japan, with others hailing from the CNMI, China, Korea, Taiwan, USA, Philippines, and Indonesia.

Leading the marathon finishers was 21-year-old Haruki Okayama (2:42:12) of Japan in the men's division, while Saipan resident Mamiko Berger (3:15:19) improved her time and repeated her 2015 win in the women's division. In the half marathon, 35-yearold Shiji Shiratori (1:22:52) of Japan led the men's division and 38-vear-old Yusuko Miyazaki (1:37:28) of Japan won the women's division.

Topping the 10K race was 31- year-old and Saipan resident Keith Longuski (37:43) in the men's division, while 38-year-old Tomoe Yokoyama (43:00) of Japan repeated her 2015 win in the women's division. Out of 31 men who braved the 50K course, 31-year-old Masayuki Abe (3:29:22) of Japan finished first, while 52-year-old and Saipan resident Lori Hutchinson (4:28:26) bested 12 other women.

"Once again, the marathon was a strong success thanks to the overwhelming support of

also logged in the first half and

came in back-to-back fash-

ion, as he lit up the board in

the 14th and 22nd. Sang Ho

Choi registered the other goal

for Sun Palace in the first half

with his shot in the seventh

minute, while Suehee Chung

closed out for the team with

The WNT avoided a shutout

his conversion in the 47th.

### 462 complete Saipan Marathon



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Haruki Okayama, center, first place finisher in the 2016 Saipan Marathon, receives his plaque and prize money from a Japanese celebrity comedian, left, and Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands vice chairman Nick Nishikawa during the awards ceremony last Saturday at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan beachside

our many sponsors, supporters, and the community. We were especially pleased to offer more cash prizes this year to the top finishers," said MVA Community Projects manager Martin Duenas.

This year's marathon saw the participation of several Japanese comedians, including long-time marathon supporter Kanpei Hazama, who assisted with the presentation of awards, The awards ceremony was held at sunset on the beach at Fiesta Resort & Spa. The event was also covered by visiting media from

when Diana Maniacop found

the back of the net in the 68th.

in Division 2, Shirley's and

the Thundercats settled for a

scoreless draw, while Kanoa

coasted to a 5-1 triumph over

Keeanu Diaz knocked in a

pair for Kanoa, while Davy

Laxa, Ho Jin Woo, and Brent

Azarcon added one goal

apiece. Santa Tamang nailed

the lone goal for World Resort.

World Resort.

In the two other games

Major sponsors this year were Scalp D, Mobit, Runtomo, Delta Air Lines, Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands (HANMI), T Galleria, and Northern Marianas Athletics.

In-kind contributors were Emperor Ent. Corp. dba Furusato Restaurant, Herman's Modern Bakery, Pacific Subsea Saipan INC., Lao Lao Bay Golf & Resort, Pacific Islands Club Saipan, I- Mart, Kanoa

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Aid stations were manned by members of HANMI and other groups, including Northern Marianas Athletics, Pacific Islands Club Saipan, Coral Ocean Point Hotel & Golf

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Castro and Angeles went on

and 176 in the last five games.

to duel for the last finals berth and with the latter advancing against Talavera, the former settled for third place.

Raul Dumapit, the 2014 Class A champion, Percy Omechelang, and Raymond Zapanta joined Castro, Talavera, and Angeles in the Top 6. Dumapit had a total of 1,086 in the six-game qualifier for an average of 181, while Omechelang and Raymond Zapanta gathered 1,079 (average of

179.83) and 1,075 (average of 179.17), respectively.

Other bowlers who joined the Class A qualifier were Simon Manacop (1,059), Bernard Paraiso (1,052), Richard Leong (1,026), Lito Teodoro (1,025), and Kathy Mersai (1,019).

Last weekend's 2015 Philippine Bowling Association Budweiser Classified Tournament were originally scheduled for August last year, but was postponed as SBC closed after sustaining damage due to Typhoon Soudelor.

Meanwhile, results in classes B and C will be reported in Saipan Tribune's Friday issue.

for a batting average of .620. He is ahead of IT&E's Patrick Celis, who is the only other batter to average at least .600 after going 12-for-20. The Comets' Reid Teregeyo (.583) and Vincent Nakamura (.565) and Little Legals' Delbert Sablan (.571) rounded out the Top 5. Fifteen others made it to the batting chart, which was based on 19 times or more at bat.

In the pitching race, Kapileo got 0.54 ERA after pitching 22 innings and allowing only two runs. He leads Delbert Sablan (0-85 ERA), Keoni Serrano (1.00), Joven Reyes (2.45), and Johnson (2.47)

most strikeouts (49) just one behind pacesetter Ken Kaipat.

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### TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

### **LOCAL SCORES**

### **SAIPAN LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL** Team Standings (As of April 10, 2016)

**Teams** Comets Little Legals Ol Aces **Falcons** Braves Twins McDonalds Regulators

Batting Leaders								
(Based on 19 or m	ore at bat)							
Players	Teams	AB	HIT	AVG				
Kyle Kapileo	Falcons	29	18	.620				
Patrick Celis	ITE Regulators	20	12	.600				
Reid Teregeyo	Comets	24	14	.583				
Delbert Sablan	Little Legals	28	16	.571				
Vincent Nakamura	Comets	23	13	.565				
Justin Agulto	Little Legals	29	16	.551				
Alvin Hocog	Little Legals	20	11	.550				
Seb Saures	Comets	22	12	.545				
JohnathanRenguul	Falcons	32	17	.531				
Heath Camacho	Braves	26	13	500				
Ohane Borja	Ol' Aces	22	11	500				
Tristan Norita	Braves	26	11	478				
Nathan Aizon	Ol' Aces	19	9	473				
Jaylon Sablan	Braves	24	11	458				
Isidro Lizama	Falcons	20	9	450				
Keoni Serano	Falcons	34	15	441				
Ken Kaipat	Ol'Aces	25	11	440				
Christopher Gonzales	Falcons	23	10	434				
Alexiana Tyquengo	Little Legals	24	10	416				
Lucio Aldan	Little Legals	22	9	409				

#### **Most RBIs Most Doubles** Kyle Kapileo Vincent Nakamura 19 Delbert Sablan Kyle Kapileo Patrick Celis **Pitching Leaders**

#### (Based on 12 or more innings pitched) **Most Triples** Tristan Norita ERA **Players** Kyle Kapileo Kyle Kapileo Christopher Gonzales Delbert Sablan 0.85 Jonathan Renguul Keonni Serano 1.00 **Home Runs**

Vincent Nakamura Kyle Kapileo	3 2	AJ Johnson	17	7
Most Runs Kyle Kapileo Reid Teregeyo Vincent Nakamura	18 17	Most Strike Ken Kaipat Kyle Kapileo Joven Reyes	outs	50 49 42

Justin Agulto

### **BASKETBALL LEAGUES**

(As of April 19, 2016)									
DIAZ CAGING	(AS	OI APIII	13, 2010)						
U15			670 Sonics	2	3				
Team Name	Win	Loss	Risers	2	3 3 4				
Ol'Aces	5	0	CES	2	3				
670 Sonics	4	1	Run N' Gun	1	4				
Wong	3	1	BSI	0	5				
Tanapag	2	3							
NMI Rollers	1	3 3 5	<b>IGBL CAGING</b>						
Kanaka Gray	1	3	Pool A						
Kanaka Blue	0	5	T- Galleria	4	0				
U18			MJD	4	0				
670 Sonics	5	1	DPS	3	1				
Rollers Blue	4	1	IT&E	1	2 2 3 3				
Kagman Riserz	4	1	NMSA	1	2				
Ol'Aces	3	1	CPA	1	3				
Tanapag	2	3	Docomo 2	0	3				
Rollers Red	1	3	BECQ	0	3				
Rollers White	1	3 3 4							
Jr. Sonics	1		Pool B						
Wong	1	5	PIC	3	0				
			DFEMS	3 2 2 3	1				
ISLAND-WIDE		_	BSI	2	1				
Ol'Aces	6	0	Customs	2	2				
R. Rebels	4	2	CHCC	3	1				
Ballers	3	2	GPPC	1	2				
	2			0					
Blue Haus NMI Rollers	3 3 3	2 2 2	FEDS Docomo 1	0	2 3 4				

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of the first as the former got his second strikeout quickly, fanning out A.J. Johnson.

Saures got two more strikeouts in the second inning and left two runners stranded and the Braves bowed out early and fell to a 4-6 record as they went 1-2-3 in the last two.

The Comets, on the other hand, closed out strong with five runs at the bottom fourth to earn the early victory via 10-run mercy rule. The Comets five other runs were made in the third (3) and second (2).

In other results last Saturday, the Little Legals also eased past McDonald's, 14-2,

while the Twins defeated the Docomo Ol'Aces, 8-3.

The Little Legals went for the kill at the top of the fourth inning, collecting seven runs to wrap up the match after only four innings. They got two runs in the first and second and added three in the third.

Justin Agulto handed the Little Legals three runs as he went 3-for-4 at bat and made one RBI. Kaipo Dikito had only one run, but contributed three RBIs off is 3-for-4 performance at the plate.

The Little Legals improved to an 8-1 record and continued to shadow the division leaders Comets as the former are still in second place in the team standings of the nine-squad field.

The Twins moved up from sixth to fourth after last Saturday's triple-header, as they now have a 4-5 record after downing the Ol'Aces (5-3).

Marty Taisacan gave the Twins three runs and went 3-for-3 at bat, making two singles, one double, and one RBI. Eliray Castro hit 3-for-4 and got two RBIs, two singles, and a double.

### Kapileo leads batting. pitching races

Meanwhile, the Falcons' Kyle Kapileo is on top of both the batting and pitching races in the Majors division (as of April 10).

Kapileo went 18-for-29 at bat in the Falcons' nine games

Kapileo has the second

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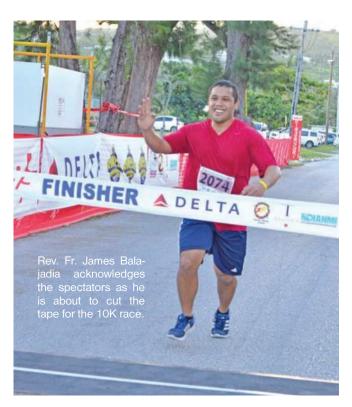
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Cesar Danao checks his time after completing the half marathon course.









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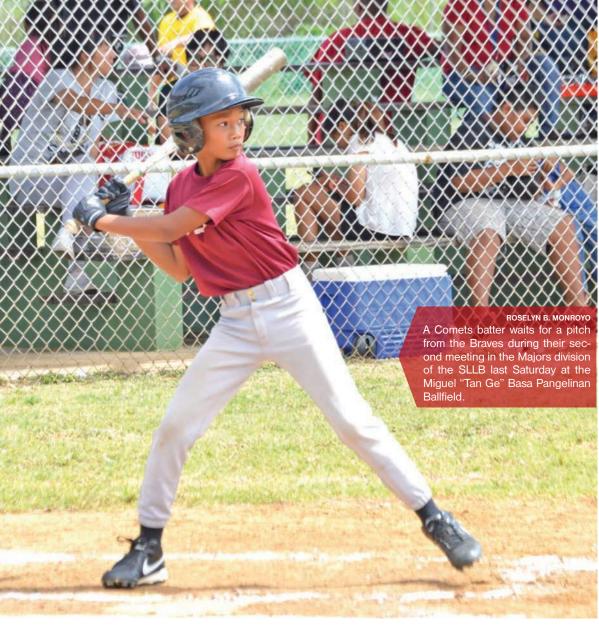
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# Comets keep clean slate Castro rallies past Talavera



he Comets are still undefeated in the Majors division of the 2016 Saipan Little League Baseball following a 10-0 victory over the Braves last Saturday at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa Pangelinan Ballfield.



The win was the Comets' eight in as many games and second against the Braves as the

former demolished the latter, 20-1, during the league's opening game last Feb. 27.

Bing Nakamura led the Comets' second triumph against the Braves as the shortstop went 3-for-3 at bat, scored three runs, and had three RBIs. He made two singles and a double.

The Comets took the easy win after only four innings. Sab Saures pitched for the Comets in those four innings, striking out seven and giving up only one hit. With Saures on the mound, the Braves went to as far as third base only once with Tristan Norita stranded at third at the bottom

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### Tan Holdings, Sun Palace still ahead

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO



Tan Holdings is still the pacesetter in Division 1 of the 2016 M-League after getting another win last Sunday at the Oleai Sports Complex

Field. Tan Holdimgs shut down Korean Football Association on Saipan, 3-0, to improve to a 5-1-1 record, two wins ahead of idle Paire/Inter Godfather's (3-2-2). KFAS has the same record as Paire/Inter, but slid to third place in the five-team field after having only 15 goals against the second-

ranked squad's 21. Tan Holdings has the most goals so far with 23 after Martin Jambor added two in their game against KFAS and Sukinari Fumikazu chipped in one. Fumikazu put the division leader on the board in the 25th minute, while Jambor recorded his first goal in the 34th for Tan Holdings' 2-0 halftime

edge. Jambor's second goal came in the 61st.

Besides the KFAS-Tan Holdings tiff, MP United and Matansa were also scheduled to play last Sunday, but results of first Division 1 game were unavailable at press time. Pending the results of their game, MP United is still in fourth place in the team standings with its 2-3-1 mark, while Matansa is at the cellar with its dismal 0-0-7 card.

Meanwhile, in Division 2, Sun Palace also kept the top spot after earning a 5-1 victory over the CNMI Women's National Team.

Sun Palace now has a 7-1-1 mark to pace Shirley's (5-2-3), Kanoa (4-2-3), World Resort (4-2-4), Thundercats (2-4-4), and the WNT (1-1-8).

Jun Sik Kim towed Sun Palace to its seventh win after scoring a hattrick against the WNT. He opened Sun Palace's scoring with his goal in the second, while the last two were

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Players of the Let's Go-sponsored Tan Holdings FC pose for a photo before a game in Division 1 of the M-League at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.



By ROSELYN B. MONROYO



Alex Castro overcame Robert Talavera's twice-tobeat advantage to clinch the Class A

championship in the 2015 Philippine Bowling Association Budweiser Classified Tournament held over the weekend at the Saipan Bowling Center.

Castro stunned Talavera in Game 1 of the stepladder finals, 233-189, to force a rubber and the former completed the come-frombehind win after posting a 199-189 victory in the deciding Game 2. Earlier in the semifinals, Castro downed Raymond Angeles, 193-165, to earn the right to challenge Talavera for the Class A title.

Talavera, Angeles, and Castro advanced to the stepladder finals after taking the Top 3 spots in the qualifying tournament. Talavera collected 1,143 pins in six games for an average of 190.50. The top finisher prevailed against 10 other bowlers, recording 200-plus pins in two games, (223 in Game 4 and 206 in Game 6). His four other scores were 185, 197, 184, and 151 and his first place finish handed him the twice-to-beat edge in the stepladder finals.

Angeles had 1,111 in the sixgame qualifier for an average of 185.17. He registered 202, 212, and 202 in Games 3, 4, and 6, and logged 172, 161, and 162 in the three other games. Castro, on the other hand, averaged 184.67 after opening the qualifier with a 200 and recording 153, 199, 196, 184,

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